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RUMANIA CRISIS THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A decisive clash between General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, and the Iron Guard appears imminent.

Two Guardsmen were executed on Saturday and three on Friday, while Bucharest has been flooded with leaflets urging rebellion.

General Antonescu's position is regarded in Budapest as precarious, and it is doubted if he will continue to rely on German support.

It is rumoured the Germans found documents in the Yugoslav Foreign Office in Belgrade showing General Antonescu had secretly dealt with the late Yugoslav Government.

It is understood that the Rumanian Communists had joined the Iron Guard and are aiding terrorism in order to weaken the Government. Mass arrests are under way. — International News Service.

Aussies In Grand Spirits

Mr. Fadden, Acting Australian Premier, declared in Sydney yesterday that the defence line in Greece was intact.

"The Australian troops are in excellent spirits. They have been engaged in heavy fighting and acquitted themselves with great distinction."

Mr. Fadden expressed Australians' sympathy with the Greeks in the loss of their Premier, Dr. Koritsis. — Reuter.

HORTHY GESTURE TO CROATS

Admiral Horthy, Hungarian Regent, has ordered the release of Yugoslav war prisoners of Croat nationality, according to the Budapest newspapers, says a Budapest despatch to the official German news agency.

The prisoners will be allowed to return to their homes in Croatia immediately, the message adds. — Reuter.

But Line Remains Unbroken By Vicious Nazi Attacks

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GREEK HIGH COMMAND ADMITS A GERMAN ADVANCE ON THE CRUCIAL MACEDONIAN FRONT BUT THE BATTERED ANGLO-GREEK DEFENCE LINE, THOUGH WITHDRAWN AND SHORTENED, IS STILL HOLDING FIRM IN THE FACE OF CYCLONIC NAZI ASSAULTS.

A Greek communique acknowledges "a push by German forces southward" in the Olympus region after heroic Greek and Anzac troops had beaten off massed German tank and infantry units into bloody retreat with fierce counter-attacks in two key sectors.

Without revealing the extent of the German advance through Macedonia, nor saying whether the vital railway cities of Larissa, Kalabaka or Trikkala are threatened, the Greek High Command cryptically referred to fighting on the Olympus front in these words: "Regarding operations in Macedonia the German forces have made a push southward." — International News Service.

Masses Of Troops

Mount Olympus has been evacuated by the British, according to well-informed quarters in Cairo last night, who added the operation was part of the retirement to a shorter line which is proceeding according to plan.

The situation in the Balkans

is still regarded in Cairo as serious.

MOUNT OLYMPUS, WHICH IS ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE ALLIED LINE, WAS EVACUATED BY THE BRITISH TROOPS BEFORE THE NAZIS TOOK IT.

The British retirement to a shorter line is being carried out according to plan under heavy air and mechanised action.

Despite their terrific casualties, the Germans continue to hurl masses of troops into the battle. — Reuter.

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BULGARIA GRABS

While Going Is Good

Bulgaria has been granted temporary new frontiers in the Macedonia, Thrace and Moravia regions of Yugoslavia, according to the German radio quoted by Reuter.

Bulgarian troops will continue to advance in western Thrace so as to occupy territory limited in the east by a line leading from the Bulgarian frontier town of Servengrad, southward to Bdeghach, on the Aegean Sea.

In Macedonia, the Bulgarians will proceed as far west as the River Vardar, and to the south as far as the former Greek frontier.

In the north-west the advance will be to the River Morava. The Germans emphasise that these lines are not to be regarded as definite frontiers. — Reuter.

VIRGINIO GAYDA YELLS DEFIANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "Giornale d'Italia" in Rome declares Italy will bomb Athens if it is militarily necessary, regardless of British "threats." — International News Service.

SPAIN GETTING FEVERISH

"Senor Suner (the Foreign Minister) made a statement on various aspects of the international situation relating to important military and diplomatic happenings of the present moment."

SO DECLARED AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER A TWO-DAY MEETING OF THE SPANISH CABINET ENDING ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Phalangist (Fascist) newspaper "Arriba" follows this up with an article somewhat reminiscent of others printed at times when Spain has faced political decisions.

"Arguments alien to the only foreign policy to which our destiny ties us cannot be considered," states the newspaper.

It adds that foreign affairs must be viewed in unity, and those who think otherwise are traitors and cowards. — Reuter.

THE GREAT I AM TAKES MORNING OFF

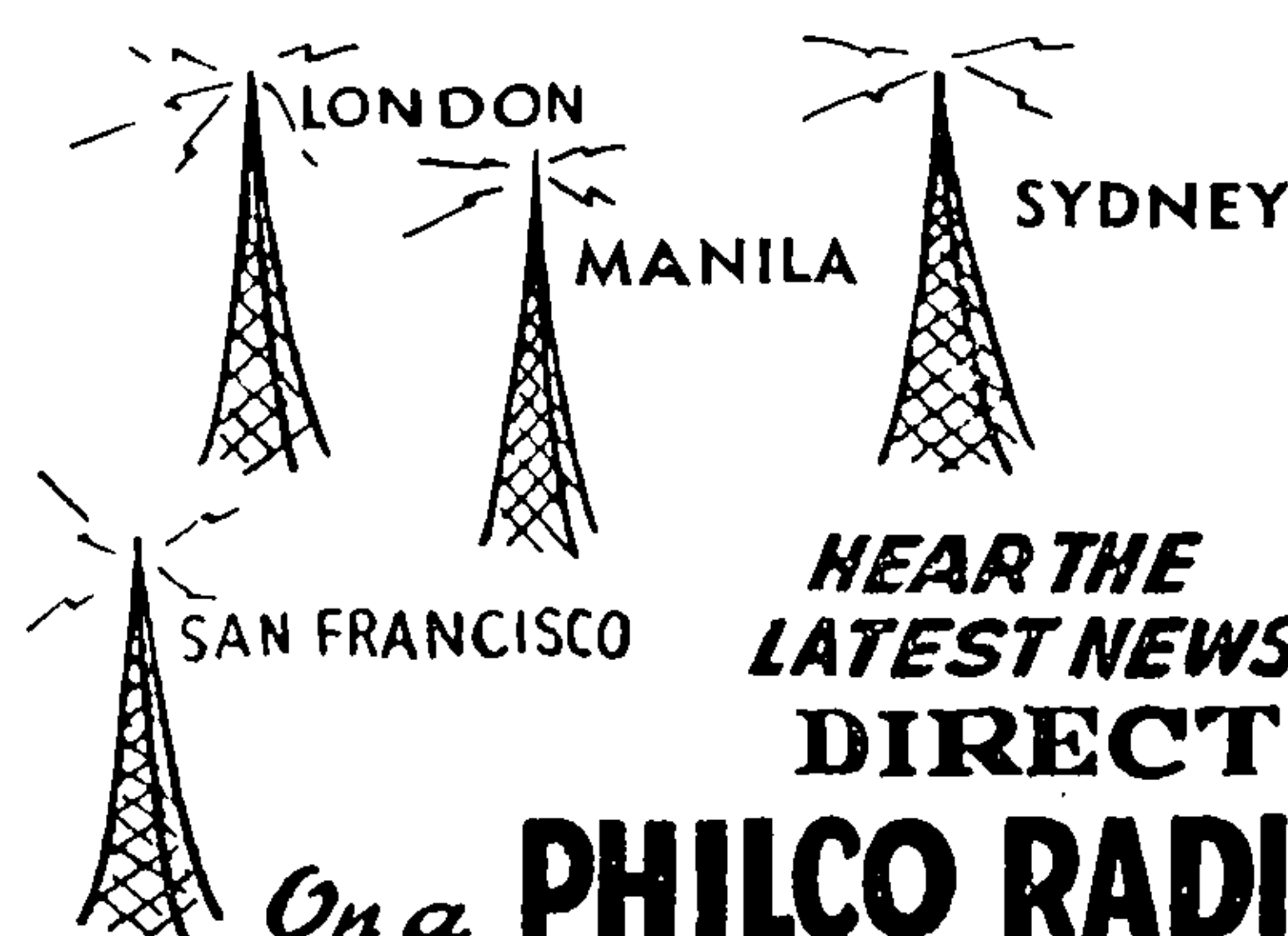
Hitler spent his birthday yesterday at his headquarters, presumably somewhere in South-Eastern Europe.

After celebrations in the morning he "resumed his work at 1 p.m." according to the German radio.

Field-Marshal von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the German army, in a Hitler Birthday Order of the Day to the troops, declared "Trusting in the Fuehrer and confident of victory, we shall beat the last enemy."

This order was read over the German radio.

Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the Nazi navy, also issued an order expressing himself confident of victory in the "final struggle against a powerful enemy." — Reuter.



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BATTLE OF ATLANTIC RAGES ON

Two Of Germany's Three Ace U-Boat Captains End Their Career; First Lord's Revelations

Review Of Naval Situation

GERMANY HAS NOW LOST TWO OF HER THREE BEST U-BOAT ACES. THIS NEWS WAS GIVEN BY MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, SPEAKING OF SUCCESSES IN THE "UPS AND DOWNS" OF THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC AT TOTENHAM YESTERDAY.

Schepke, ace captain of U100, Mr. Alexander said, was dead. His submarine had gone to join U99, captained by another ace, Otto Kretschmer, who is now a prisoner.



The Prime Minister recently witnessed a tank demonstration in which he was shown the capabilities of various armoured fighting vehicles over rough country. The Prime Minister is seen inspecting a Bolero gun.

Mr. Alexander said that the Navy had lost two of its three best U-boat aces. He said that the Navy had lost two of its three best U-boat aces. He said that the Navy had lost two of its three best U-boat aces.

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Wolf Of Atlantic

Kretschmer was known and called in Germany as the "wolf of the Atlantic". He had the highest record of destruction of any U-boat captain.

MR. ALEXANDER STATED THAT NEARLY 2,500,000 TONS OF ENEMY SHIPS HAD BEEN CAPTURED, DESTROYED OR FORCED TO SCUTTLE.

The burden of the Battle of the Atlantic was both grievous and heavy but never for a moment, day or night, was there any faltering in the prosecution of the fight.

Ups And Downs

"This battle has its ups and downs but I assure you that neither U-boats nor German long-range aircraft have at all their own way," he said.

"We continue to take toll of both and as the strength of the cooperation of the Navy with the Coastal Command increases and the number of escorting destroyers and corvettes expands, that toll of the enemy will increase until the Battle of the Atlantic is won."

The First Lord said we had got to continue fighting, labouring and struggling to get back to something like the escort position we had in the last war, when we worked not only as a single fleet but had five powerful Allied fleets and five times the present number of destroyers.

"THE AMAZING THING IS THAT THE NAVY HAS KEPT THE LIFELINE OPEN," MR. ALEXANDER SAID.

At The Bottom

He continued: "We published the other day that we had many hundred U-boat prisoners but many more of the U-boat personnel lie at the bottom of the ocean."

"I can assure you that reports to the Admiralty of our anti-submarine captains are nearly always on the conservative side."

Speaking of the 10 Consguard cutters America sent to Britain, the First Lord said "Believe me, they are some ships. Most are little, but bigger than a destroyer."

"They were built to stop the ships of bootleggers and I think will be even more usefully employed in protecting our con-

R.A.F. Hitting Hard

R.A.F. bomber pilots, he said, were striking back and striking hard and it was evident from complaints over the German radio after the raids on Berlin, Kiel and Bremen that the Germans did not like it.

Mr. Alexander concluded: "We must go on with that until we win." — Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS AT TOBRUK

Indian mechanised troops are among the British forces defending Tobruk, well-informed circles in Cairo revealed yesterday.

The Indians have been taking part in the fighting in the Western Desert and have been in action in the west, around Gebel and Akhdar.

There was no indication yesterday of any change in the situation of the Axis forces in Libya.

In Abyssinia, the Imperial forces have practically reached the outskirts of Dessie, one of the last remaining Italian strongholds in the country.

Operations in Abyssinia are bound to slow down somewhat because of the task of mopping up various Italian columns, it was pointed out in Cairo.—Reuter.

"HEIL HITLER" -- AFTER MUSSOLINI!

Rome radio, broadcasting birthday greetings to Hitler yesterday, declared "Hitler is no doubt one of the greatest men in history but fate decided he should only reveal himself after Mussolini had been acknowledged everywhere as the greatest statesman in the world." — Reuter.

APPEAL TO DOCTORS IN AMERICA

President Roosevelt last night urged American doctors to volunteer to serve in the military and civilian hospitals of "our British friends," in a statement issued from his Hyde Park (N.Y.) home.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THE BRITISH RED CROSS HAD APPEALED, THROUGH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, FOR 1,000 YOUNG AMERICAN DOCTORS TO HELP MEET THE "ACUTE SHORTAGE" OF DOCTORS IN BRITISH HOSPITALS.

"As President of the American Red Cross," he said, "I heartily approve this request."

He explained that volunteers would be enrolled in the British Red Cross and would be protected by the Red Cross Treaty of Geneva.

"Young doctors, whom Britain so desperately needs, can do much to heal wounds inflicted on civilians and military alike in this cruel war," the President added.—Reuter.

Kisses From Soldiers In Court

AS POLICE AND MAGISTRATES looked on, three Army sergeants dashed across the floor of a Sussex police court, picked up in their arms an attractive brunette aged about thirty, and carried her in triumph to the court hall.

There she was surrounded by soldiers who kissed and hugged her as their comrades cheered. Laughing happily, though her make-up was ruined by scores of kisses, the woman left for home with her husband. He had been pushed aside by their soldier friends in the rush to congratulate his wife.

She was Mrs. Hilda Ann Hungerford, manageress of a NAAFI canteen, just acquitted by Lewes magistrates on charges of making a statement, liable to cause alarm and despondency, and of exhorting soldiers to lay down their arms when the Germans came.

"Cheers and stamping of feet followed the magistrates' decision to dismiss the charges."

Mrs. Hungerford denied ever having said: "We would be much better off under Nazi rule. The English soldiers are no good, they will never win."

According to the evidence, the trouble arose out of a battalion order on January 24 that no solid food was to be sold in the canteen until 5.30 p.m.

She had to tell the soldiers they could not have chocolate and cakes in the morning.

There was a "bit of a commotion," some were annoyed—they thought the chocolate and cakes were being saved for other soldiers.

Good To Them

Major T. H. Carter, defending, said the eight soldier witnesses for the prosecution belonged to one regiment, while the fifteen soldiers for the defence were from another regiment.

He submitted that some of the men "had their knife in the manageress" because they thought she favoured the other unit.

"I do not know why some of the soldiers should have done this to me, because I have been so good to them all," said Mrs. Hungerford.

Corporal Basil Wyles said the men grumbled when told they could not have cakes and chocolates. Asked if there was a lot of bad language he replied: "I suppose they used one or two words we always use in the Army, but I didn't taken any notice because we knew them so much."

The chairman, Mr. J. L. Blencowe, said the Bench considered Mrs. Hungerford had no serious intention of contravening regulations, but did make some foolish remark.

SOVIET'S POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Commenting on foreign press interpretations of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Treaty, the Moscow newspaper "Pravda" declares:—

"Apparently certain circles in London and Washington counted on a worsening of Russo-German relations, no less than they counted on a worsening of Russo-Japanese relations."

"Pravda" denied that the new Pact is directed against Germany or was signed under German pressure.—International News Service.

Luftwaffe Spreads Death Through Home Counties

WIDE PATH OF BLITZ ATTACK ON SATURDAY

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

REPORTS FILTERING THROUGH FROM DAZED VILLAGES AND SMALL TOWNS IN EAST ANGLIA AND THE HOME COUNTIES, AND FROM THE THAMES ESTUARY DISTRICTS, CONFIRMED A WIDER PATH OF THE GERMAN AIR BLITZ ON LONDON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD ON SATURDAY NIGHT EVEN THAN ON WEDNESDAY, WHEN MANY OUTER SUBURBS, INCLUDING THE SOUTH-EAST, SUFFERED AS HEAVILY AS THE METROPOLIS.

According to the German High Command this was another reprisal raid for the R.A.F. attack on Berlin, but from the communique, in which the raid was given pride of place, large fires claimed in the Thames Bend, Mill-wall dock and Greenwich, appear to have given the Nazis most satisfaction.

The Air Ministry in London stated yesterday that the attacks on London were heavy and caused much damage, and casualties are expected to be "fairly high."

IT ADDS THAT BOMBS WERE DROPPED OUTSIDE LONDON IN THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES AND DID DAMAGE AT SEVERAL POINTS.

Casualties, on the whole, however, were not heavy, it was stated.

There was some bombing and activity during daylight yesterday over the coast of Kent and north-east Scotland.

Bombs were dropped by single aircraft at two points in north-east Scotland, causing a few casualties, the Air Ministry communique Reuter.

RIOTING PERSISTS AT AHMEDABAD

One was killed and four wounded when police opened fire for the second time on a rioting mob in Ahmedabad.

More than 400 have been taken into custody.

Latest casualties in the communal rioting which broke out on Friday are 56 killed and 201 wounded Reuter.

New Greek Cabinet

Composition of the new Greek Cabinet presided over by King George of the Hellenes was announced last night, states Athens radio.

Deputy Prime Minister is Vice-Admiral Alexander Sakellarios, Chief of Naval Staff. He will also be Minister for Navy.

Other Ministers are: War, General Panagakos; Air, General Nicolaides; Communications and Railways, General Korzas;

Foreign Affairs, Finance and National Economy, Emanuel Under-

Public Welfare and Press, M. Nikolaidis.

Agriculture and Labour, M. Demetrios.

Interior and Public Security, M. Marmadakis.

Education and Justice, M. E. Sekeris.

Under-Secretary of State for Shipping, M. S. Theophanides.

The new Government took the oath at 5.15 yesterday afternoon and held its first meeting immediately afterwards. Reuter.

MEETING IN LISBON

DR WELLINGTON KOO, CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO VICHY AND AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO LONDON, IS ON THE WAY TO LISBON TO MEET MR. QUO TAI-CHI, THE NEW CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO IS TO RETURN TO CHUNGKING FROM LONDON BY WAY OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi has been in the past nine years Ambassador to Britain.

After conferring with Mr. Quo Dr. Koo will probably visit London. Reuter.

BRITAIN ASKS FOR FOOD SUPPLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Britain has asked the United States under the Lend-Lease Act for 15,000,000 cans of tomato, several million cans of milk and a large quantity of dried food. International News Service.

RAID ON MALTA

A small formation of Italian Savoia bombers escorted by Italian Fiat biplane fighters and Messerschmidts flew over Malta yesterday morning.

Bombs were dropped in the sea and the A.A. defences were heavily engaged.

British fighters shot down three Fiat fighters into the sea and damaged a fourth, which is unlikely to have reached its destination, states an official communique.

All the British fighters landed unscathed and there were no casualties. Reuter.

TAI-O CRIME

A headless corpse of a man was found on a hillside at Tai-O on Saturday morning by villagers.

CATHEDRAL HONOURS FOUR WAR BABIES

FOUR OF THE PROUDEST evacuee mothers in England stood reverently in Exeter Cathedral as their four war babies were christened by the Dean, Dr. S. C. Carpenter.

It was the first time in the history of the 800-year-old cathedral that such a ceremony had taken place.

The babies were James Glave Flunder, aged four months, of Stratford, London, E; Roger John Glave Bolton, aged ten months, of Battersea, S.E.; Barry Edward Glave Brewster, aged one year, of Horne Hill, S.E.; and eight-week-old Dorothy Civic Adams, who was born in Exeter after her mother's evacuation from Ballham, S.W.

The boys were given the name Glave after the Mayor of Exeter, Mr. R. Glave Saunders, and the girl's name Civic is after the Civic Hall, Exeter's evacuation centre. The Mayor and Mayoress were the god-parents.

After the christening the babies were taken to Exeter's historic guild hall and in the Mayor's parlour they were entertained like royal visitors.

Each child had a christening cake with one candle, and the Mayoress gave each a suitably inscribed silver spoon.

Sherry Party

The mothers and two evacuee friends were entertained at a sherry party in the Mayor's parlour.

"Dorothy and Jimmie behaved splendidly," a mother told a reporter. "But the others howled most of the time, despite the Dean's smile."

The Dean of Exeter said: "It was a suggestion of the Mayoress. I was delighted to perform the ceremony. But I'm afraid we cannot do this sort of thing every time. We have to draw the line somewhere."

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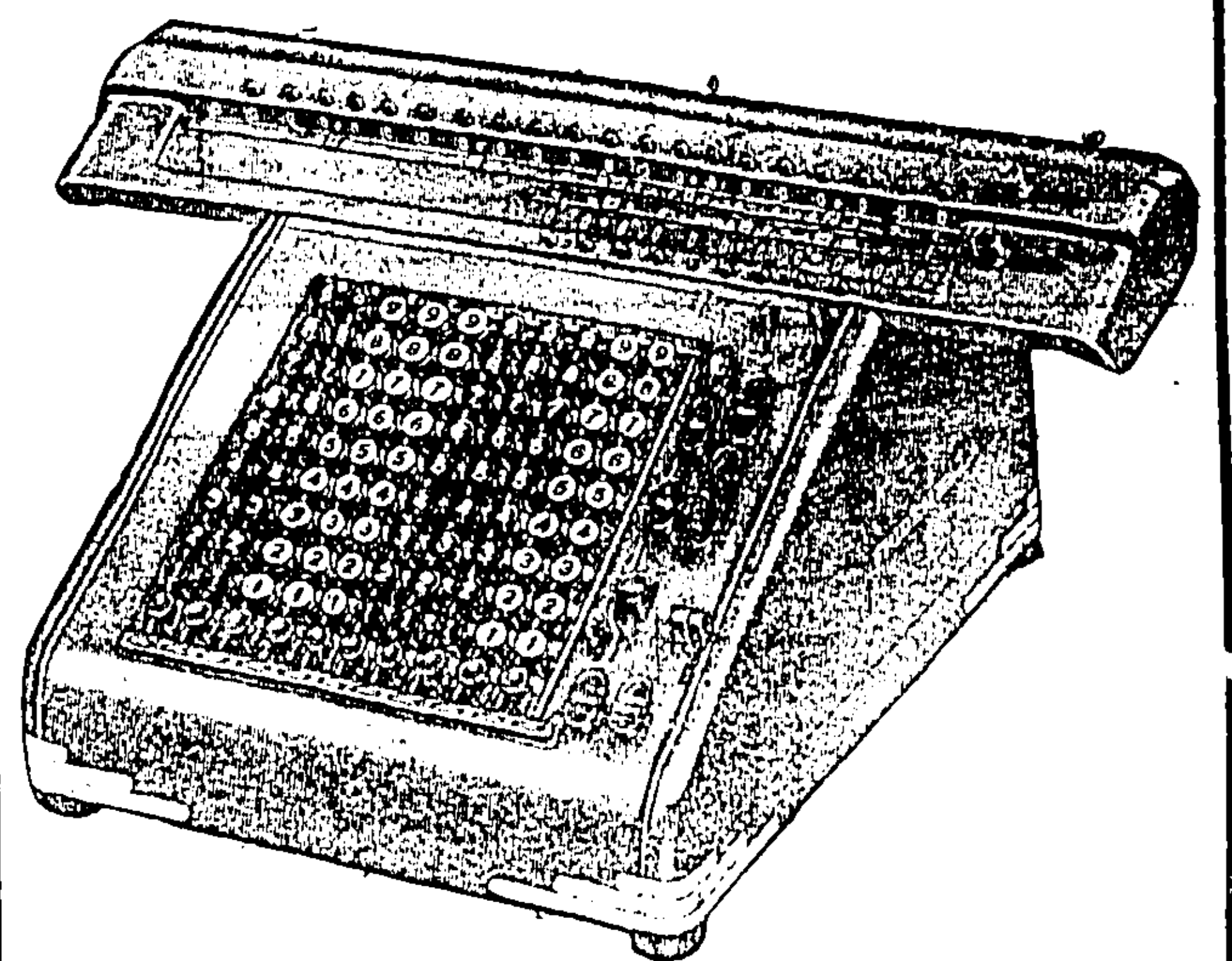
When Medway towns War Weapons Week opened at Chatham it was announced that £489,000 had already been promised.

The contributions range from £100,000, which will be invested by a big firm, to 30s., a gift by a 13-year-old Rochester boy, Alec Letley, which he raised by the sale of model warships he made.

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"FIGHT TO THE END" CALL BY KING GEORGE OF HELLENES

"REMAIN UNITED and steadfast and carry on the fight for the country's honour and independence; we must defend the nation to the very end."

This call to the Greek people was made yesterday by King George of the Hellenes in a proclamation broadcast by Athens radio last night.

The proclamation reads: "Hellenes: after the untoward death of Alexander Korisis, who gave all his strength to the great struggle which has been imposed on the nation by two powerful empires, and in view of the critical moments through which the country is now passing, we have decided ourselves personally to direct the business of the Cabinet for the time being."

"A new Government has been formed and sworn in, and we appeal to the Greek people, to all who are fighting at the front as well as to all who are contributing to our war effort behind the lines, to remain united and steadfast and carry on the fight for the country's honour and independence. We must defend the nation to the very end."

Duty Of History

"This duty imposed on us not only by the high tradition of our history and the reverence due to our brave dead but also by the fact that in guarding the rights we have acquired by our victories and sacrifices we shall fully secure our national rights in the hour of final victory."

"WE THEREFORE CALL UPON YOU, HELLENES, TO STAND CALM AND DETERMINED, UNITED AND DISCIPLINED, AT OUR SIDE IN UNFLINCHING PERFORMANCE OF OUR SUPREME DUTY TO THE COUNTRY."

"May God save Greece." Reuter

10,500 FORMS BEFORE SHIP COULD SAIL

Shippers are getting writer's cramp-filling in the thousands of forms for the Customs officials before their vessels can leave port.

One ship in a north-east port had to submit 10,500 forms - three for each item of cargo - to satisfy the red tape fiends who are cramping the export drive.

The same thing is happening all over the country. In spite of vast staffs employed by both shippers and the Customs to deal with the filling and checking of forms which every departure from port involves, ships are being held up for days.

And it is all unnecessary. "For every ship that goes out, a complete inventory of cargo must be submitted to the Shipping Licensing Board in London before a licence is granted," the "Daily Mirror" was told by Sir Arthur Sutherland, well-known Tyneside shipowner.

"This makes the thousands of Customs forms totally redundant."

"The young men employed to deal with these masses of forms could be better occupied on munitions or in the Army."

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CITY CHURCH'S BELLS FOR GUILDFORD

Guildford Cathedral may provide a home for the bells of All Hallows, the City church.

Known as the "invisible church" of London, All Hallows Church, Lombard Street, E.C., was pulled down in 1939 and is being re-erected at Twickenham.

The church will look very much the same as when it was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren, but in one sense it will not be complete.

Twickenham, by laws forbidding the use of church bells, and All Hallows had a peal of 12 cast about 1720.

The bells, which were being stored in a shed at Guildford, were offered at

In the report yesterday of the funeral of the late Mr. Margaret K. ell, the name of Mrs. Pat French, who attended as one of the chief mourners, was inadvertently omitted.

HAILE SELASSIE SOON TO RETURN TO CAPITAL

Arrangements for the return of the Emperor of Abyssinia to his capital in Addis Ababa are progressing with all speed, Reuter was informed in London yesterday.

Emperor Haile Selassie was last reported to be heading his army in the Debra Marcos area, some 110 miles north-west of Addis Ababa. Reuter.

REVENUE FORGERIES?

At the request of Revenue Officer Ahern, two men and a woman were remanded for a week by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon on Saturday, when they were charged with possession of dyed and a block intended for the production of a mark resembling that used by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports in connection with Government prepared opium.

Accused were Lam Yuk, 22, Kwai Wah, 18, both unemployed, and Lam Yui, 57, widow.

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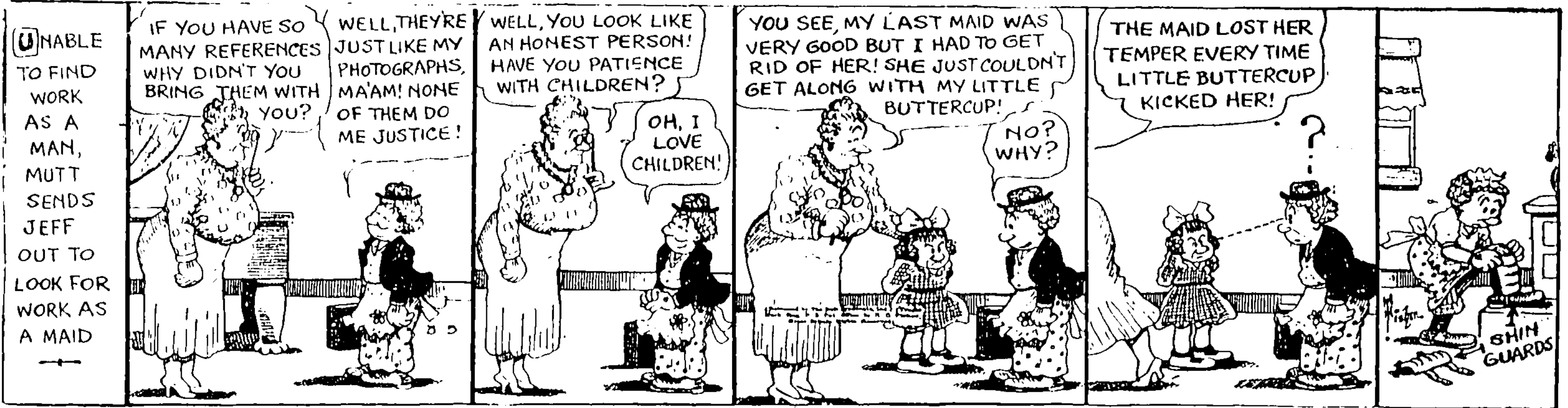
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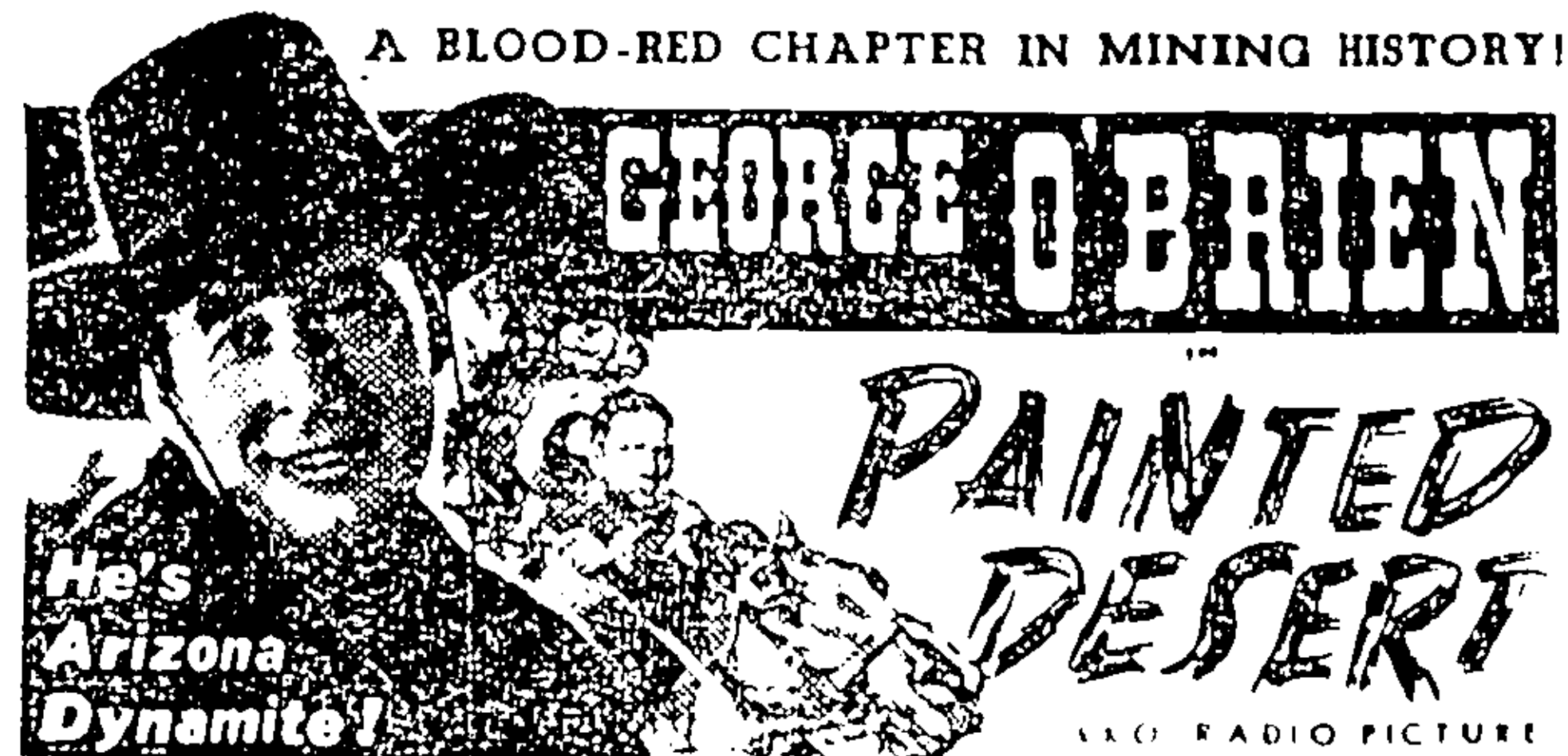


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ITALIAN WEAPONS SHOOTING GERMANS

It is now revealed that the magnificent resistance put up by the Greek forces has to some extent been possible owing to the transfer for use in Greece of a considerable quantity of immense stores of arms, ammunition and equipment captured from the Italians in General Wavell's victorious sweep in North Africa, when enemy forces numbering 180,000 men were put out of action.

This equipment has also probably been put to good use by patriot forces in Abyssinia.

The rapid liquidation of the East African campaign could not have been achieved so expeditiously but for the fact that Libya had already been swept clear of enemy forces, and in its turn the reduction of Italian resistance in East Africa has made it possible for President Roosevelt to declare that the Red Sea was outside the combat zone forbidden to American shipping.

Further general consideration, of which the full significance is only now being realised, is that General Wavell's Libyan successes made it necessary for the Germans to support their tottering ally in North Africa and has resulted in a further dispersal of the German forces—a process the cumulative effects of which will become important. — British Wireless.

YUGOSLAV DEFEAT

It is noted in London that the German High Command communique states that the "Serbian armed forces" capitulated on the evening of April 17 and adds "fighting will cease at noon on the 18th."

Resistance under unified military control had ceased some days ago in Yugoslavia and the capitulation of various bodies of troops which had continued to fight on their own may well have followed.—British Wireless.

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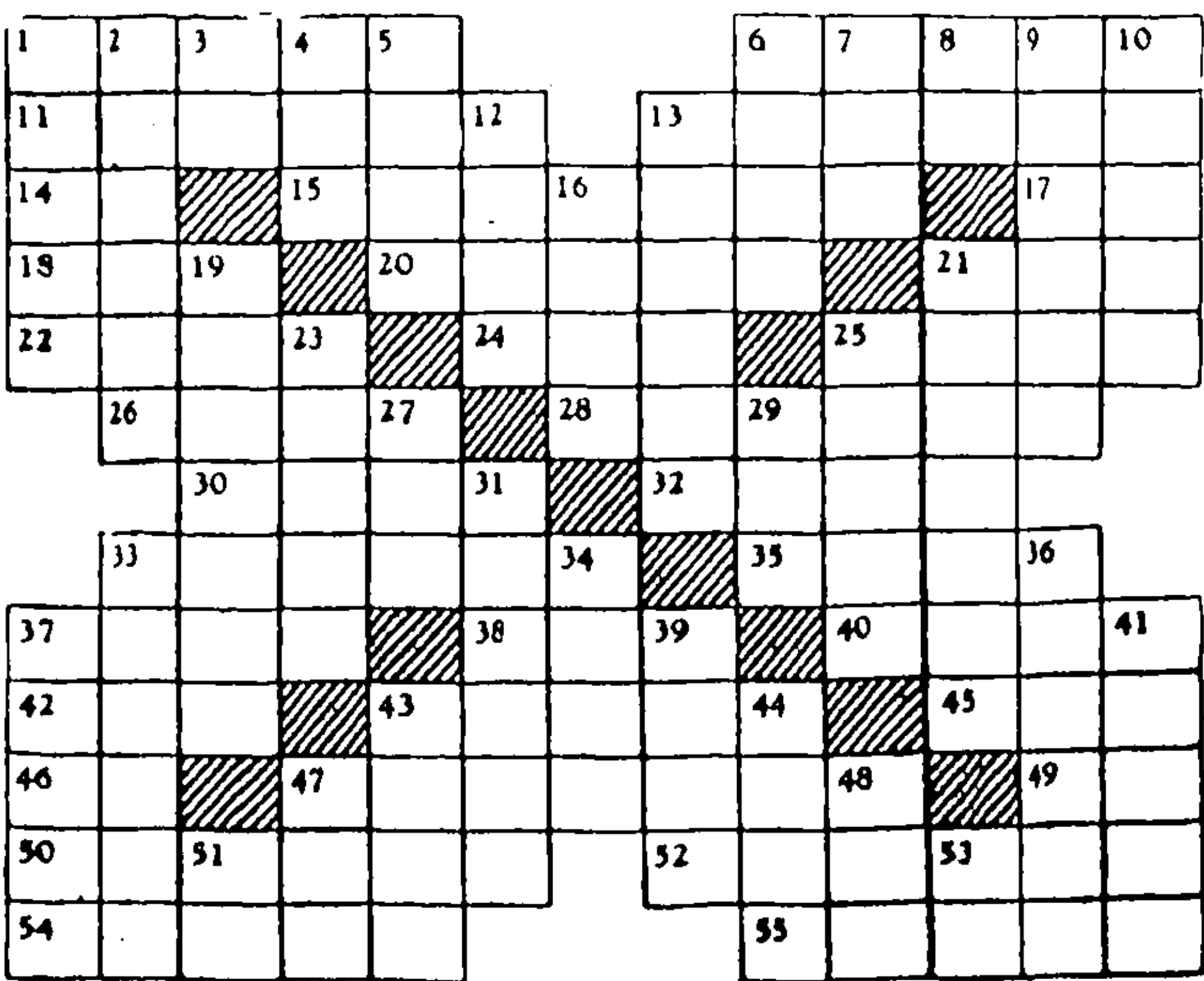
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 - 18 To knock
 - 20 Slang
 - 21 Mongrel
 - 22 Short jacket
 - 24 Vast age
 - 25 Path
 - 26 Glacial ridges
 - 28 Elevated
 - 30 Thailand
 - 32 Carbon
 - 33 Defensive covering for the head
 - 35 Insect
 - 37 Girl
 - 38 Prefix: three
 - 40 To pierce
 - 42 Being
 - 43 Artifice
 - 45 Completely
 - 46 Symbol for silver
- VERTICAL**
- 1 To frighten
 - 2 Fruit
 - 3 Article
 - 4 Yellow bugle
 - 5 Brilliant star
 - 6 To worry
 - 7 Strange
 - 8 Symbol for cerium
 - 9 Unrecognised
 - 10 Shop
 - 12 Time long since past
 - 13 Greek mythological character
 - 16 Russian name
 - 19 To have
 - 21 Choral composition
 - 23 Fastens
 - 25 Jungle beasts
 - 27 To batter
 - 29 Snake
 - 31 Measures of length
 - 33 Garage for air vehicles
 - 34 To clip
 - 36 Higher
 - 37 To depart
 - 39 Image
 - 41 Surfellet
 - 43 To corner
 - 44 Malaysian dagger
 - 47 Poetic: it is
 - 48 To place
 - 51 Artificial language
 - 53 Symbol for calcium
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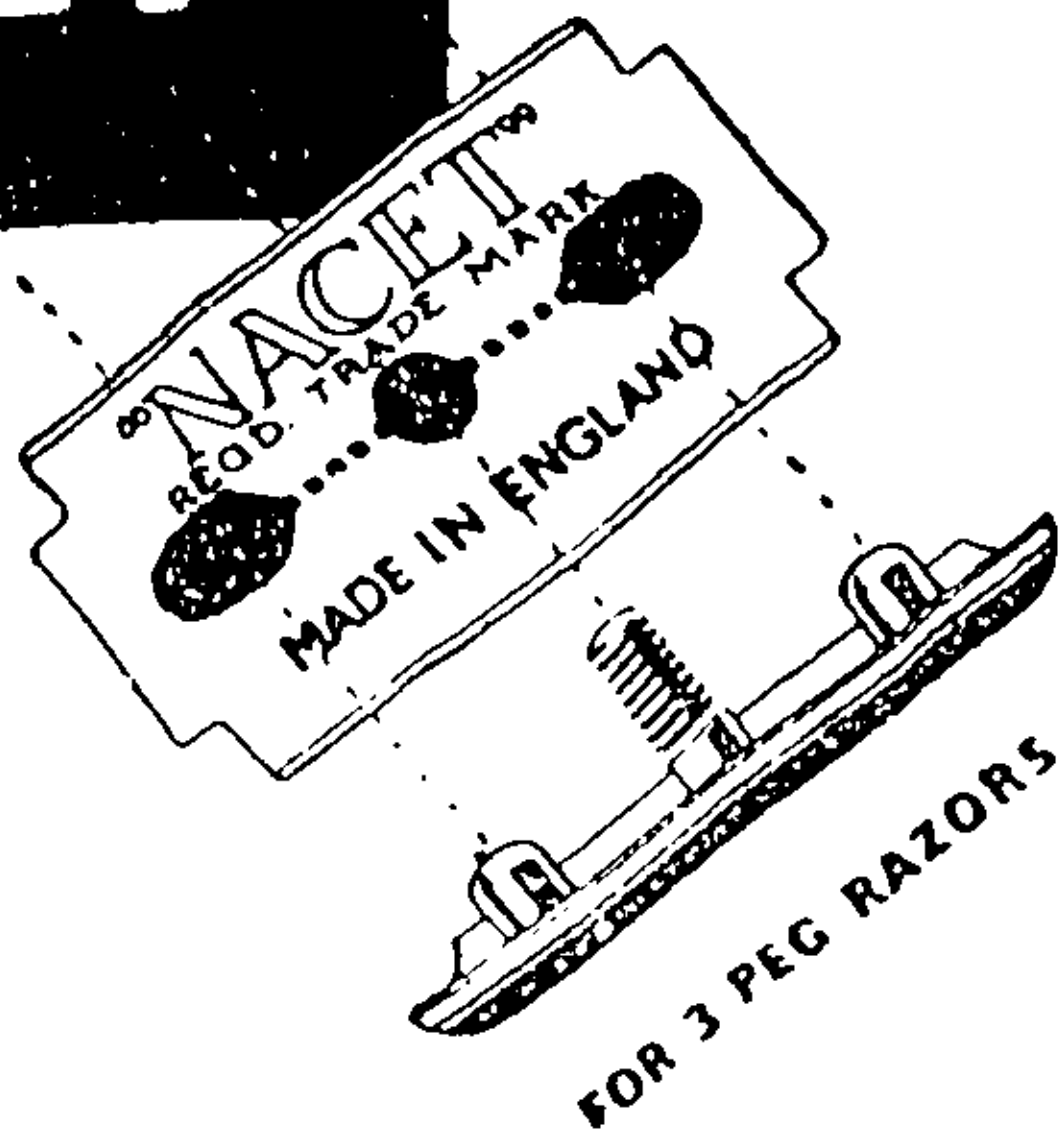
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JAPAN STILL IN FEAR OF THE SOVIET

(This is the fifth of several uncensored articles appearing in the "Manilla Bulletin" on the Pacific "war of nerves" as seen from within Japan by an American observer.)

JAPAN IS MAKING NEW ENEMIES AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT HER ONE TRADITIONAL FOE — RUSSIA — CONTINUES TO HOLD THE HONOURED POSITION IN DEFENCE PLANS.

The opinion long has prevailed in the islands that some time, somewhere, a second Russo-Japanese war is inevitable. The two countries were on the verge of it in 1939, but Moscow had more important projects on hand. Tokyo, aware of the probable consequences, managed to calm her hot-tempered Kwantung army officers who were all set for a decision fight.

Now, the enigmatic attitude of the Soviets is one of the two most effective brakes on Japanese expansion. The second is the United States Navy. As has been mentioned before, Japanese expansionists are responsive only

to force. Russia has plenty of real and theoretical force behind her marked activities in the Far East. Temporarily at least, she holds the whip hand, and she is playing her advantage to the limit.

Before the diplomatic roulette wheel put the chips in Stalin's pocket, Russia came to Japan, asking for a non-aggression pact. That was in 1936, before Tokyo signed the anti-commintern agreement with Germany and Italy. Russia's idea was to thwart this pact and protect herself, but the Japanese army turned down the proposition because they short-sightedly believed they would be on top more or less permanently. At that time, the "younger officers" of the Kwantung army still eyed the Maritime Province, Vladivostok and Outer Mongolia as legitimate areas for aggression, and in the name of self defence.

Of Doubtful Worth

To-day, the odds have changed. Japan wants the non-aggression pact — her expansionists want it badly. And Stalin merely smiles and remembers; treats Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka to a free train ride and an interview — and, merely a neutrality pact, the worth of which is doubtful. Without some assurance of Russian inactivity, a Japanese march would be dangerous. An attack upon the Dutch East Indies, for example, would necessitate a large array of capital warships flanking the bulk of available transports, because loss of man power is extremely high in any assault against a well-defended island or coastline. Naturally, the Japanese would leave as many warships in home waters as could be spared without jeopardizing the southern expedition.

Vulnerable Flank

But if Russia chose to strike hard at that moment in revenge for past wrongs, the Japanese flank would be comparatively vulnerable. At least 80 Soviet submarines are now based in Vladivostok. Hundreds of aeroplanes reportedly are available in that area for duty — and a concerted aerial attack would wipe out Japan's great industrial cities, Osaka, Kobe, Yokohama and Tokyo, which consist mainly of flimsy wooden houses.

Anti-air raid drills are held twice annually throughout Japan in useless preparation for that eventuality. The people who participate are hopelessly inept. But even well-trained fire-fighters would have no chance against the holocaust that incendiary bombs would start in Japan. The absence of air raid shelters would mean a frightful loss of life.

"Number One Enemy"

The fact that Japanese believe the Soviets capable of such a revenge war is indicative of their deep distrust of this "number one enemy."

Theoretically, such a development is possible, as the aftermath of warfare which the Soviets could easily taunt the

Kwantung army into starting somewhere in Manchukuo.

Another development is far more likely, however. Assuming that Moscow's policy is to encourage worldwide warfare, wait for rival armies to knock each other out, then pick up the pieces, the Soviets would have an excellent opportunity in the Far East. An American-Japanese war, doubtless, would mean the end of the Japanese empire in time. Even if the Nipponese army remained as a bulwark in Manchukuo, its mechanised forces would be desperately short of fuel. Japan's reserve gasoline is, say, sufficient for one year. An attack on the Indies might exhaust half or more of this amount, because at present they are not adding to their reserve. Dutch destruction of Indian wells, prior to any successful landing, would mean another year's wait before Japan could acquire any considerable amount of fuel, because the United States would embargo shipments immediately upon a Japanese march.

Navy Caution

This would be a logical moment for Russia to step in, attempt to recapture Manchukuo, and as much more of the Japanese empire as possible, including substantial segments in north China.

These are the arguments the navy has been impressing upon the army in order to delay the southward programme. The country could not be secure, as long as the Russian menace remained unshackled, and the fleet, as defender of the homeland, is aware of it.

Actually, the Japanese navy has one great fear to-day: That a Russian submarine will sneak close to Japan and torpedo an American vessel carrying evacuees to the United States. Officers believe, and probably correctly, that such an incident would provoke an immediate American-Japanese conflict, with no one in the United States willing to believe that a Japanese submarine had not committed the act. As one officer said, "We can't stand another Panay."

The Jitters

This particular brand of jitters was prompted by the fact that Soviet submarines have been increasingly active lately around Vladivostok. One of them challenged and stopped a Japanese freighter in the Japan sea a few weeks ago. Japanese officials, hankering for friendship with Russia, made no protest for this incident, although they consider the sea as "our lake."

Many Japanese and foreign observers, believing that Stalin actually wants an American-Japanese war, are puzzled by his disinclination to accept the obvious course: A quick and bland assurance that Japan could proceed southward without Russian interference, in the hope that it would result soon in warfare.

Stalin may come to that later. At present it suits him to keep the Japanese dangling. Widespread reports in Tokyo said he has made exorbitant demands as the price of a non-aggression pact. These include, according to unconfirmed rumours in diplomatic circles: Return of all Manchukuo north of Harbin and the old Chinese Eastern Railway (probably for some "face-saving consideration"); return of Karafuto (southern Sakhalin); re-

opening of the Harbin-Vladivostok railroad, which the Japanese closed in 1931; the right to run sealed trains to Dairen; recognition of Soviet sovereignty over Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang and Ninghsia provinces.

Stalling

The Japanese, obviously, can grant only the last of these demands, if they expect to avoid domestic trouble. If the list is a correct synopsis of the Russian wishes, it is clear Stalin is simply stalling.

He is holding the Japanese at arm's length also by refusing to sign a permanent fisheries treaty and by delaying any tangible development in the commercial negotiations which have been under way in Moscow for several months.

It must suit his sense of humour to note the Japanese patience with such dilatory methods which, a year ago, would have provoked violent anti-Russian press outbursts, at least. Tokyo spokesmen, who now claim negotiations between the two countries are proceeding "amicably," used to describe Russia's foreign policy as the "actions of a hysterical girl."

Russia's tactical position, of course, is the major reason why Stalin now has the upper hand. But the Soviets won part of their influence by defeating the Japanese at Nomonhan in 1939.

More Than Skirmish

That border skirmish has assumed amazing importance in subsequent diplomatic developments. Three overlapping battles were fought, the Japanese winning the first two against untrained Soviet "back troops." Then the Red army command poured good German mechanised equipment and some of their best men into the struggle, annihilating a Japanese artillery division and sending scout cars some 40 miles within Manchukuo before peace was declared.

Shortly after that display of strength, Moscow signed the new famed non-aggression pact with Germany. Within a few weeks, the Soviet attack against Finland began.

Japan retired some of her leading officers in disgrace and immediately began a long-range mechanisation programme for an army that showed itself hopelessly outclassed with the tanks and armoured cars previously at its disposal. Later, in a boundary demarcation treaty details of which have never been published, the Soviets kept much of the land they had won.

Soviet Der Tag

Russian bombing of a small railroad station, Fulaerchi, near the Nonni river nearly precipitated fighting on a much wider scale in the middle of the Nomonhan incident. Kwantung officers were both frightened and angry by the attack, and many of them believed the time had come for what they considered an essential Japanese drive against Russian outposts, notably Vladivostok, which is within easy bombing range of Japan. Tokyo quieted the hot-heads after three tense days.

Some day, the Japanese believe, Stalin will attempt to avenge the series of Russian defeats which have characterised Japan's northward expansion. Simultaneously, the Kwantung army is fretting to repay the Soviets for Nomonhan, a dark chapter in their military careers.

Meanwhile, Japanese expansionists hope and pray that some way may be found to postpone the day of reckoning, until Japan can build up her war machine with the raw materials they expect to find in the path of the "southward programme."

"ANGEL" OF ST. DUNSTAN'S

Miss Winifred Boyd-Rochford, matron of St. Dunstan's — and once called by the blind men "our angel" — has died at Park Hall, St. Dunstan's Annexe, Brighton.

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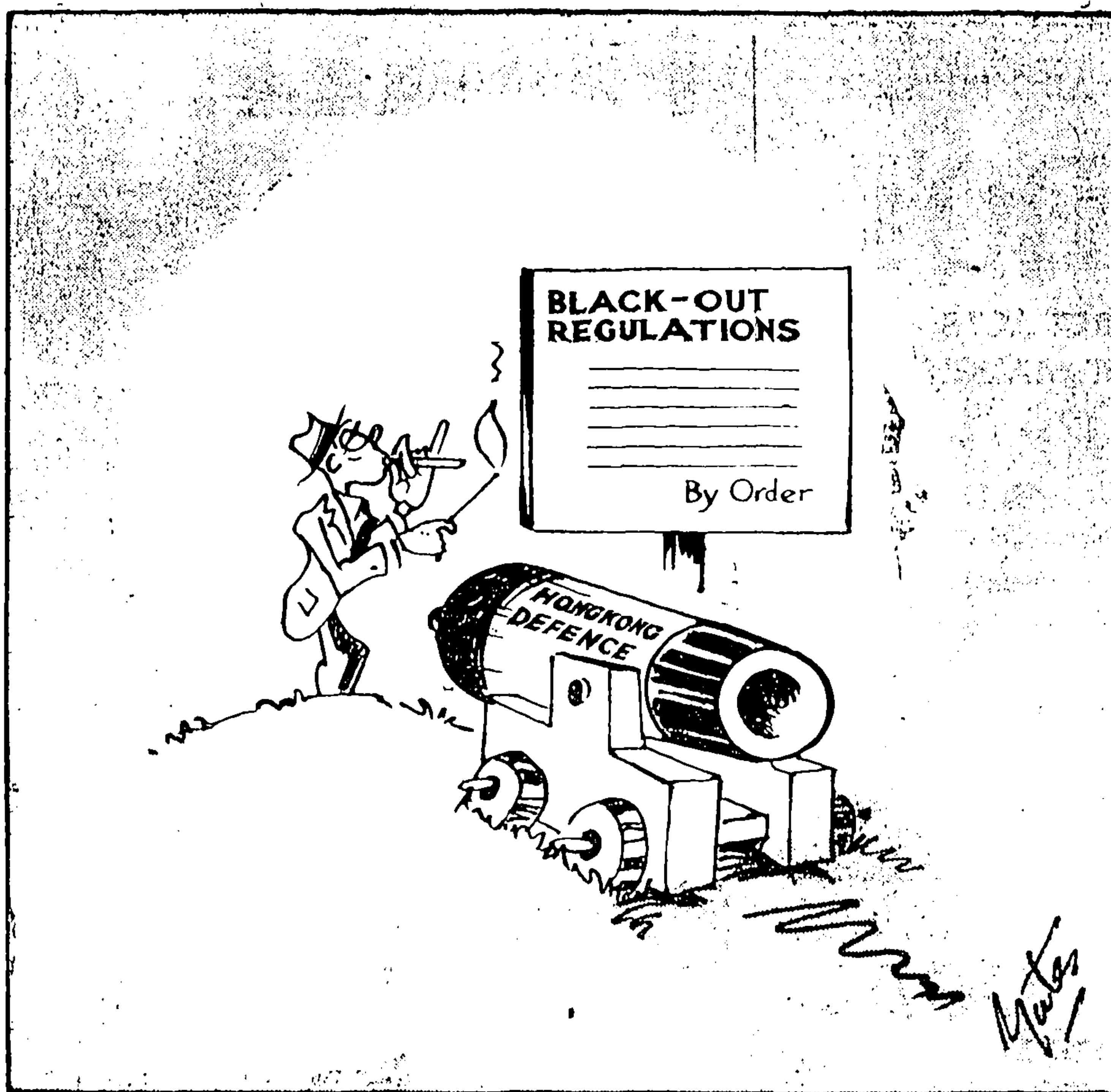
BALKAN EPIC

In some respects the events dramatically proceeding on their course in the Balkans are dreadfully familiar: The ferocities, the falsehoods, the savageries are all the same. Through the fire and smoke and mendacities of Nazi warfare, it is not always easy to make a clear picture; but the plan and purpose, at least, are reasonably clear. Another "Dunkirk" on the shores of the Aegean, Herr Hitler has promised it; and it is well to have that much down in black and white. For now we are to witness the performance which, this time, may be another matter.

There are going to be great losses and may be reverses but this time, there are going to be no paralyzing disasters to the spirit and, it may be, no disasters even upon the ground. For the attack has been fully foreseen; its probable shape and power have been fully studied in the light of all the lessons taught by its predecessors. This time the little neutral is backed by a powerful British army on the ground, thoroughly trained, thoroughly equipped, commanded by a strategist of proved ability who would not have led them to that terrain unless he had seen there the outlines of possible victory.

This time, for the first time, the huge Nazi machinery of aggression has been drawn into a war which it neither wanted nor anticipated, in a theatre remote from the real centre of the major struggle, where its positions are not of the best, its communications poor and the terrain adverse. It is a theatre in which its ominous ally stands ever more menacingly in its rear; ahead, there is no decisive prize to be achieved—for even a complete victory and another "Dunkirk" in the Balkans would not break the grip of sea power and would leave the enemy citadel unbreached—but it is a theatre in which the cost of even one failure can be catastrophic.

On these new terms, Hitler has joined the Battle of 1941. What cruelties it will loose, what its course may be no one can now predict. Once more history is swept away upon a roaring tide of events. But it is clearer now than ever that this frightful power for chaos and devastation must be destroyed if our world is not to be destroyed under it.



BLACK-OUT (MENTAL)

Want To Fight For France

AT Douaumont, on the slope of Verdun, there is a plain concrete slab protecting an open trench. Inside the trench are the undisturbed remains of the officer and men of the famous 13th French infantry regiment who, in 1916, fought to the last man in defence of Verdun.

For one of France's most notable war monuments, for they stand there as they did then, the still in position, a symbol of the uncomparable part in which they nobly resisted the German onslaught.

In the last day of May, 1919, the sons of these men, the new 13th, were entrusted to the south of Dunkirk, stemming the German advance. They knew they were being sacrificed, yet with out question they carried on to the old order. "They shall not pass."

The primary cause of their defeat was undoubtedly military. But from accounts which have been given to me by the few survivors it is evident that when the history of these actions comes to be written the ordinary French soldier will lose nothing of his reputation as a courageous fighter.

Here are three stories of the courage of these men from Boulogne, Calais, Dunkirk, Lille, Douai, Valenciennes, and Cambrai who fought for their home towns and villages until the Nazi tanks swarmed over the defences.

Dunkirk Heroes

The first is from the field diary of a major of the 86th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Army—a 1914-18 veteran who wrote:

"When we arrived in front of Dunkirk and took up our positions, we received orders to defend the lines to the last man. Each section leader was given definite and precise orders, and we knew that this time we were being sacrificed.

"We knew that every hour gained meant more boats could get away, more troops who could carry on the fight elsewhere.

"And we had extra reason to fight hard. My own regiment and the 60th and 25th were mobilised in Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne.

"Although we were heavily outnumbered and were facing an enemy who had vastly superior arms, there was only one moment when the men faltered in their discipline. It was when an order to withdraw was given and they felt that they should have counter-attacked in order to defend Calais as well.

"On the 31st I was wounded and was taken through a heavy bombardment to a hospital at Zuydcoote, and three days later I was driven by ambulance to

Dunkirk and embarked for England.

"Of my regiment, only eight of us all wounded arrived in England."

The diary of a young lieutenant of artillery, a native of Boulogne, gives perhaps a clearer insight into the part of the French soldiers in the last bitter day before they were relieved.

MAY 28.—At 5 p.m. we set up the battery at Poperinghe, but after two hours we leave for Hondschote, where we again put

By Margaret Dasnieres

the battery into position. We make contact with English troops, who give us biscuits, chocolate and cigarettes, as we have had nothing to eat for a long time. At 8 p.m. we get an order to go to Braydunes, near the coast.

MAY 29.—At 6 a.m. we set up our battery in the sand dunes and we are heavily bombarded from the air. At 3 p.m. we get an order to move nearer Dunkirk. The Colonel reads us an order which says that we have to defend Dunkirk and that there is no hope of us being embarked. The men just look a bit grimmer, but accept it as they have accepted every other order.

MAY 30.—Fighting all day long in cooperation with the English. At 10 p.m. we swing our battery 96 degrees and fire inland towards Bergues.

MAY 31.—At dawn we are in position near a farm, with an English battery nearby. All day long we are attacked by German dive-bombers.

JUNE 2.—At 11 a.m. we move further down the road nearer to the coast.

JUNE 3.—Nothing much to eat, nothing to drink, but we keep on firing. At 11 a.m. No. 4 gun bursts, causing a few minor casualties.

At 9.30 p.m. we blow up our guns and all equipment and make for the coast. Our battery then consists of three N.C.O.'s and 50 men—all that are left out of 100.

JUNE 4.—At 2 a.m. we arrive on the jetty at Dunkirk, and by 4.30 have to report to the Colonel that it is impossible to find a boat to take us off. The Colonel says we are now free to do what we like.

At 5 a.m. I find a sailing boat in a yard, and, with some officers

and men, I get aboard and we leave Dunkirk.

At 2 p.m. off Gravelines, we rescue two officers and four soldiers. We hoist the sail and the current takes us down the French coast towards Cap Gris Nez. At 4 p.m. we are again machine-gunned from the shore and we lie flat in the boat. I get wounded in the chest. At 6 p.m. we pass Calais and the Germans hell us from the beach.

JUNE 5.—At 2 a.m. we pick up a man from the sea. At dawn we are in sight of Folkestone. A Belgian boat comes out for us.

Perhaps the most impressive story is that of a 23-year-old peasant soldier from the North of France.

Reduced To Half

Here is his account of the fighting. He wrote it himself in simple, peasant French:

"I am a farm labourer. I love my village. My pleasures were my garden and fishing. In September, 1939, I left, full of courage and hope.

"On May 13 we went into Belgium, and we stayed there for five days without fighting. Then we returned to France.

"We arrive at Valenciennes and fall into fighting positions at the station, as the enemy is near. We cross the town. Impossible to get through. It is crowded with refugees. In the morning we leave the town.

"Our group of 'corps francs' (guerillas) take part in the battle. At once we fall on an enemy line, and in a few minutes our corps francs is reduced to half. The wounded are carried away. We reform into a company.

"We hold the firing line six days. Little food. Under incessant artillery and plane fire in open ground without trenches. Fighter planes are at 1,000ft. dropping flares, and then we are showered with shells. We have only clover fields to take cover in.

"We receive no more orders. We retreat.

"We do 15 kilometres (nearly two miles) on foot. Then we meet an English convoy. They take us toward Dunkirk, and give us cigarettes, biscuits and chocolate. At Bethune the English set fire to the convoy so that the enemy won't get it.

"We find our captain on the sandhills. We wait for four days and shells fall all the time. On June 1 I am wounded, with four comrades. We lie on the quay and the guns are still firing.

"The embarkment is orderly. The sea is calm. It is my first trip on the sea. We arrive in England and I am put on a stretcher."

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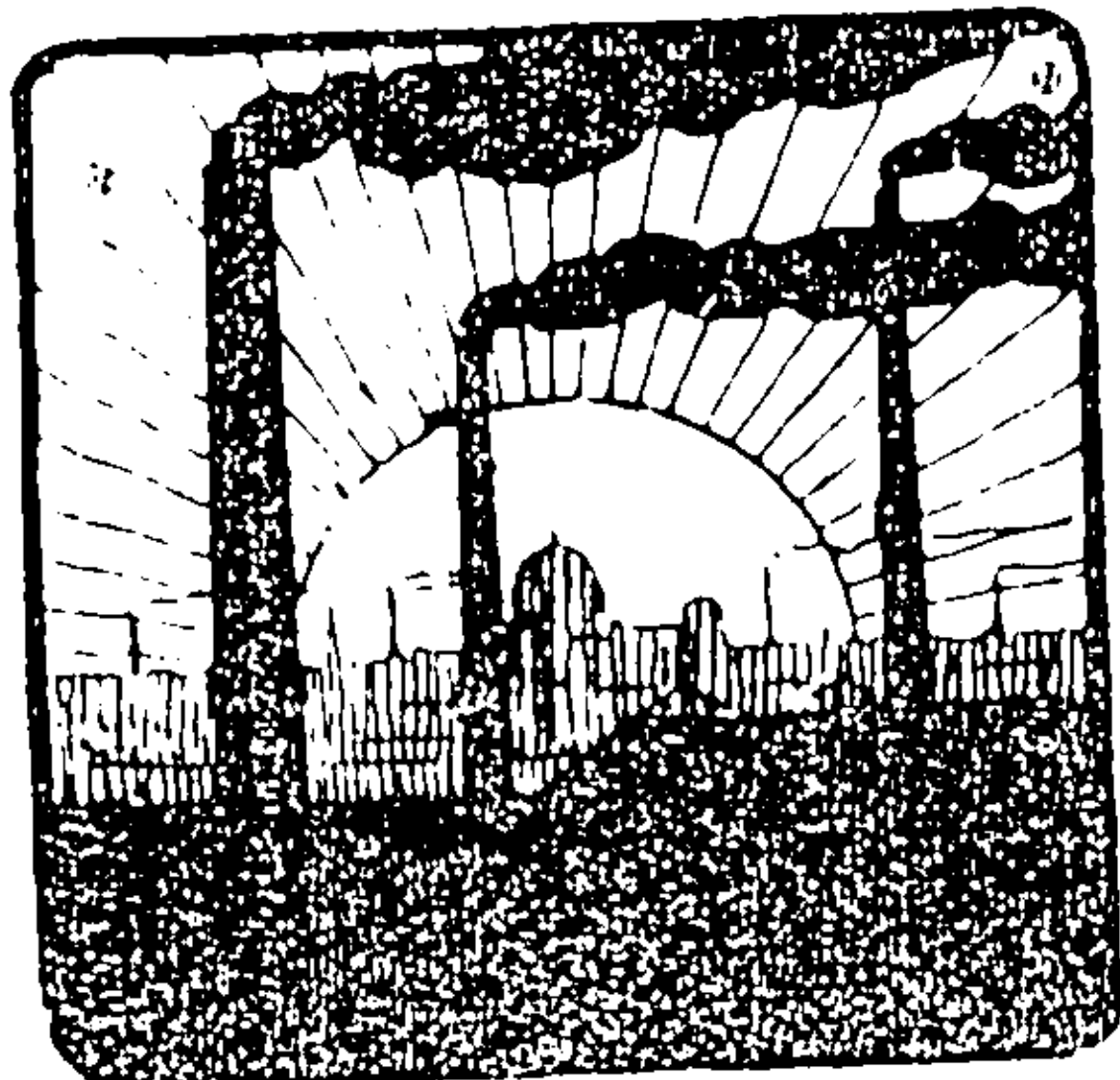
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INVASION

FOR THE SECOND TIME in six months Britain is threatened with invasion. Last September many people in Britain were inclined to doubt whether an attempt would be made. They regarded the threat as more of the kite-flying for which Germany is notorious. But this time the Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers, as well as responsible members of all three Services, have given serious warnings to the nation to be on its guard.

Even if Hitler never gambles his all on an effort to achieve his cherished ambition of landing German troops on British soil, there are enough indications of careful and large-scale preparations to justify the Government, the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, and every member of the public taking every reasonable precaution. On so momentous a matter it will be better to have taken precautions proved unnecessary than to be caught napping by unreadiness to meet every possible enemy move.

In spite of the constant attacks of the R.A.F. Bomber and Coastal Commands on the invasion bases and the damage they have caused, the German doubters still possess sufficient seaworthy ships and barges to carry an invading force between the Continent and Britain. Nor is it unlikely that other craft, stored in the "back end" of the Baltic, could be moved up by night, and the port of Norway may hide secret, intended as a party surprise for an army and Luftwaffe, therefore, dictates an unrelenting watchfulness.

No doubt all three of the British armed forces have detailed plans for defeating a hostile move on this land. It is difficult to believe that any German movement on a large scale could escape the notice of the Royal Navy or the powerful eye of Coastal Command, reconnaissance aircraft.

Even the Germans must know that if they try to invade Britain they are taking on one of the most dangerous and difficult adventures in history. Such an effort must entail terrible losses in men and material.

But we have the Battle of France to show that Hitler would not be deterred by such a prospect. To conquer France he willingly, almost gladly, accepted a high rate of casualties among his dive-bombers, because he saw that this would prevent the heavy losses which a long land campaign would entail.

Fine Weather Effort

Some experts in Britain believe that Hitler must regard the chances of a successful sea invasion as so slight that he would attempt, at the start at any rate, to land all his troops from the air. If they succeeded in getting a secure foothold and damaging our coastal defences, airfields, and aircraft, reinforcements could follow in ships and barges. Germany certainly has large numbers of Junkers Ju 52 troop-carriers, each capable of carrying 20 fully armed men. She is also reputed to have machines equipped to bear light tanks slung between the undercarriage. If the air invasion

reinforcements being rushed up. The presence of parachute troops on our aerodromes would seriously impede the British fighters, for they would have to make longer journeys back to aerodromes farther away to refuel and rearm.

In East Anglia?

Where is the most likely place for an invasion? Though the frequent reports of German aircraft over East Anglia may provide a clue, the Germans are hardly likely to "put all their eggs in one basket." Sea craft would no doubt converge on Britain from many different points, some from the Channel ports of France, some from the Bay of Biscay, others from Holland and Belgium, still others from Norway and the Baltic. It is possible that simultaneous landings would be tried at different points, so as to split up the fighter and bomber force of the R.A.F. It may be that a landing in East Anglia, either from the sea or the air, would be attempted at this time.

If the main attack came from the east the whole of the area between the Wash and the mouth of the Thames, as well as Kent and the coastal regions of adjoining counties, would probably see the largest scale of fighting the world has ever known.

Dunkirk would be like a real engagement by comparison. The Germans would certainly hunt the fray every fighter and bomber they could make available in time to get their troops on shore they would have to win a local superiority; they must also command the air over their ships and barges during that vital period from dawn onwards while the landing was in progress. Such a scheme may seem like a night mare, but experts believe that it must be taken seriously. Though it would be filled with serious difficulties, and the preparation work on the other side would be enormous, the German are exacting preparations. An attempted invasion of Britain would be a desperate effort, and for that reason the possibility of poison gas should not be ruled out.

A Two-Sided Picture

If last year the enemy underestimated our fighter strength, they are not likely to do so again after the grim lesson they were given during August and September. They know that the Spitfires, Hurricanes, and Defiants which beat the Luftwaffe six months ago have been improved; that we now have the Whirlwinds and Tomahawks, modern machines with capabilities of which they are ignorant. They know, too, that we have received from America such fighter aircraft as the Curtiss Tomahawk; while the nightly exploits of the R.A.F. over Germany must have convinced the leaders of the Reich that our bomber force is considerably stronger.

That is one side of the picture. On the other side is the assurance that the Germans have made good use of the winter months. They have evolved new fighters and bombers; the aircraft they employed last year have been improved. Because there are machines on both sides which have not been tested out in combat the invasion would be a gamble, but it is something on which Hitler has set his heart. The wise course for us, therefore, is to be prepared for whatever may come.

Few Hours Notice

After the failure to defeat our fighter force by surprise, a different tactic may be tried this time. There is unlikely to be a long period of daylight bombing attacks before the enemy armada sails.

Many experts believe that we shall not get more than a few hours notice of German intentions. As they see it, the preliminary will be a night of non-stop bombing of the areas where the landing is to be effected — or, at any rate, attempted.

We may witness concentrated bombing such as that carried out in Holland and France and attempted on Coventry and Southampton. Communications will almost certainly be a special objective, for the enemy must try to cut off the prospective battle zone; to isolate the troops in that area who are not killed by the bombing. Both fighter and bomber aerodromes are another obvious target. In order to put them out of action the Germans might try to land troops from the air on or near them. During the hours of darkness it would be their task to wipe out the aerodrome defences and defenders and to make all the aircraft unfit for service.

Then, at dawn, the main attempt would be made. Under cover of darkness all the barges and ships would have been moved out so as to be within striking distance of land with the first grey streaks of dawn. Simultaneously every bomber and fighter which the Luftwaffe can muster would be launched from France and the Low Countries according to a time-table worked out to the last second. No doubt feints would be made in order to try to mislead our fighters, bombers, and warships, but the main assault would be launched against the area, or areas, where landings were to be tried. While some of the German fighters afforded such protection as they could to the bomber squadrons bent on destroying our coastal defences strong formations would be needed to tackle the R.A.F. bombers and the Royal Navy sent to attack the barges and ships. More bombers would continue the effort to isolate the battle area and prevent

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Influenza epidemics are spreading rapidly in Sweden and Norway. In Norway the epidemic is the most severe since 1918.

Plans have been made to evacuate children from the northern parts of Norway, where about 20,000 people are homeless through German bombardments.

DUCE CAP-IN-HAND TO FRANCO AND PETAIN

THE MEETING WHICH Gen. Franco had with Marshal Petain at Montpellier and his interview with Mussolini are believed to have touched matters little deeper than the precarious position of what is left of the Italian forces in Northern Africa.

Mussolini wanted to make sure that if his transports have to creep through the territorial waters of Tunis, either to make a dash for Sicily or en route for Spanish Morocco, they will not be seized.

He asked this favour of Gen. Franco, who in turn had to consult Marshal Petain. Hence the conference at Montpellier. The Duce would have gone to Spain cap-in-hand if he could have done so safely. But he would have had to cross Unoccupied France, where he is execrated. Riotous demonstrations, particularly in Nice, which Italy claims, would have been almost inevitable.

Whether Gen. Franco or Marshal Petain or both agreed to depart from the path of strict neutrality on the question of the internment of troops reaching their countries is not known. All that can be learned, even semi-officially, is that Mediterranean and Northern African problems were discussed.

Marshal Petain presumably stated that it is too early to deal with a situation which has not yet arisen. In other words, he is, as usual, playing for time.

Another topic, Franco's dream of a Mediterranean Latin bloc, was certainly raised. The Caudillo may have felt that with Marshal Petain, a former Ambassador to Madrid, in power and Mussolini in difficulties, the time was ripe to broach the plan.

No Military Move

The confidence that Gen. Franco's journey did not portend any military development is supported by the fact that Gen. Varela, Spanish War Minister, did not go to Italy or France. Further, Ministers who are opposed to any such development remain in office.

A semi-official reference to the "outspoken sincerity" of the Franco-Mussolini meeting is interpreted there as indicating that the Caudillo clearly maintained his well-known position. This is that he is determined to devote himself entirely to the acute domestic problems of food and reconstruction.

The Vichy radio went even further stating that Gen. Franco told Mussolini that in view of the present position in Spain he was anxious to do nothing that would precipitate his country into the conflict.

He stressed the ties which bound Spain to Italy and Germany owing to Axis aid in the Spanish War, but he made it abundantly clear that he wished to preserve his friendly relations with Rome and Berlin without being forced to fight.

So much for the German News Agency statement that the Mussolini-Franco meeting was considered in Berlin as "a political event of the first magnitude."

Here is a diary of the events following the conference between Gen. Franco, Senor Suner, his brother-in-law and Foreign Minister, and Mussolini at Bordighera, just over the Franco-Italian frontier:

10.20 a.m.: Franco and Suner crossed into unoccupied France.

Noon: Breakfast with Petain at Montpellier.

1 p.m.: Lunch with Petain at Prefecture of Police.

4 p.m.: Spanish delegation left.

The breakfast-table discussions were attended by Adml. Darlan, Petain's Vice-Premier, Foreign Minister and Navy Minister, M. Peyrouton, Minister of the Interior, and M. Pietri, French Ambassador to Spain. Adml. Darlan and Senor Suner had a private talk later.

During the afternoon Gen. Franco and Marshal Petain ap-

peared on a balcony together and were greeted by the crowd with shouts of "Vive Franco, Vive Petain."

Duce's Armoured Trains

Rigid precautions were taken to protect both the Duce and Gen. Franco. Mussolini ordered armoured trains to cover the coastal sector from San Remo to Grimaldi with their guns trained on the sea. Scores of planes patrolled the same area.

In France more than 300 miles of coast was isolated, and troops, gendarmes and mobile guards posted along Gen. Franco's route. Hundreds of Spanish Republicans were placed under temporary arrest.

The place of the meeting with Marshal Petain was originally announced as "somewhere in France."

SOLDIER IS RADIO STATION

(By Paul Bewsher)

I have just seen a vital section of Britain's new Army at work—the signallers who will keep open the Army's communications, come what may.

Wireless, of course, is playing an increasingly important part in the work. Already equipment is first-class, but scientists are working ceaselessly to improve it.

Portable transmitting sets, which can be carried on the back of one soldier, are already standard equipment. Research is being carried out to make these still lighter and simpler.

"These man-carried sets have only a comparatively short range," explained an officer of the Royal Signal Corps. "Wireless telephone sets in trucks are used for longer distances."

"But although we are developing wireless all the time, land lines are still used very extensively," he said.

Mock Battle

I saw a remarkable demonstration of the speed with which communications can be established—at a mock battle in which a regiment of artillery was in action against "enemy invaders."

In a few hours a great network of telephones—wireless and landline—had been set up over a wide area to give instant communication between forward observation posts, gun positions, battery headquarters, regimental headquarters, field dressing-station, and other units.

Men with pink message forms were running in and out of a large truck drawn up beneath a tree beside a lane.

I climbed in and found myself inside a busy telephone exchange. Signal lamps glowed at the two switchboards, where khaki-clad operators were plugging in leads.

At narrow tables on either side of the van signallers with ear-phones wrote down messages or dictated others.

The messages gave detailed reports of parachute jumpers, attacks, and "enemy" fire, just as if the battle were a real one.

500 FRENCH SET GERMANS A PUZZLE

A favourite method which the Germans have adopted for punishing French citizens for trifling acts of sabotage is to order some of the men of the district where trouble has occurred to stand on guard to see that there is no recurrence.

But one large town in the west of France found a satisfactory way of countering this move, according to news just received in London.

A monument to the French dead was draped with the Tricolour and Union Jack. The Germans removed the French flag and replaced it with the Italian, which was at once torn down and trampled on by angry citizens.

As a reprisal the Germans ordered two Frenchmen to present themselves every day to mount guard over the monument.

The next day 500 Frenchmen turned up. The only thing the German Kommandant could do was order them all to return to their homes as quickly as possible.

In another town local children heaped flowers on the graves of British soldiers. It was some time before the Germans noticed that the blooms were arranged in neat red, white and blue bunches. Then they removed them all.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Bridge Swindles — No. 35

By The Four Aces

In order to be effective, a Bridge swindle must be plausible. To-day's hand illustrates a point which all swindlers ought to keep in mind:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ J 9 8 4
♥ K 8
♦ A J 9 8
♣ 7 5 4

♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ 2
♣ K Q 9 8

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 7 3 2
♦ K 8 7 4
♣ 10 6 2

♠ K Q 10 3
♥ A J 5
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A J

The bidding:

West	North	East
2♣	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass

West opened the deuce of diamonds, and South thought for a moment before he played the first card. The lead was either a fourth-best or a singleton. In the former case a finesse would probably succeed; and then even if East ruffed a later round of diamonds, the contract would be made. If the

lead were a singleton, it would be better to put up dummy's diamond Ace in the hope that West would be unable to get a diamond ruff. Unable to decide what the lead meant, South tried the finesse — holding a swindle in reserve if it should turn out that he had made the wrong guess.

He therefore played a low diamond from the dummy, East played the King, and South dropped the Queen without a second's hesitation. Now consider poor East's problem. If the opening lead was a fourth-best diamond, South's diamond Queen was a singleton. Why would South finesse with a singleton diamond? Probably to use the diamond Ace for a club discard. From the bidding, it was quite possible that West had two club tricks and a high trump; so East returned a club instead of a diamond. And then South could easily draw trumps and make his contract.

One other point is worthy of mention. If the three and two of diamonds were exchanged, and West led the three of diamonds, South could not deceive anyone by dropping the Queen. West could not hold the deuce, East would realise, since he could not hold a five-card suit. Hence South's play of the Queen must be an attempted swindle.

Saturday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J
♥ K J 9 4
♦ 8 5
♣ A J 9 3 2

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schonen
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	(?)	

ANSWER: Double. You ought to be able to beat the contract without much trouble, and you have no assurance of being able to make any worth-while contract of your own.

Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 695

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schonen
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♠	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Jay Wilbur and His Band. Fox-Trot—The Down and Out Blues (film "Happy Returns"). The Donkey's Serenade (The Firefly).

Slow Fox-Trot—Imagination. Quick-Step—I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire.

Fox-Trot—Poor Little Angelina. Saddle your Blues to a Wild Mustang.

Slow Fox-Trot—Mist on the River. Fox-Trot—Tiny Old Town.

Fox-Trot—The Scene Changes.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—The Orchestra Mascotte with Yvonne Printemps (Soprano). From Near and Far—Waltz Melodies.

Orchestra Mascotte. The Three Waltzes (Oscar Straus). "C'est la Saison d'Amour."

Yvonne Printemps (Soprano). "Te Souviens-tu."

Yvonne Printemps with Pierre Fresney and Orchestra. Valse Blue (Margis).

Tesoro Mio—Waltz (Becucci). Orchestra Mascotte. The Three Waltzes (Oscar Straus).

"Je ne suis pas ce que l'on pense". Yvonne Printemps with Pierre Fresney and Orch.

Lovely to Kiss—Waltz (Dickel). Dance of the Fairies—Waltz (Rosen-thal).

Orchestra Mascotte. 1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety. Vocal with Orchestra—The Lambeth Walk (from Me and My Girl).

Lupino Lane with Teddie St. Denis and Company. Piano—Fox-Trot Medley.

Intro: Take My Heart; Empty Saddles; It is True what They Say About Dixie.

Waltz Medley. Intro: It's a Sin to Tell a Lie; Would You? Sweetheart Let's Grow Old Together.

Burton Brown. Vocal—Let's Call the Whole Thing Off.

They Can't Take That Away from Me (both from "Shall We Dance"). Hildegarde with Carroll Gibbons and His Orchestra. Piano—An Evening With You (film "Colleen") (Dubin-Warren). Gerry Moore. Humorous—What The Stars Foretell (Thompson). Sandy Powell. C. B. Cochran Medley. Compere C. B. Cochran assisted by Elisabeth Welch, Edward Cooper and Ray Noble and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programmes.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Debussy Programme.

The Children's Corner Suite.

(a) Dr. Gradus ad Parnassum;

(b) The Snow is Dancing;

(c) Serenade for the Doll;

(d) Jumbo's Lullaby;

(e) The Little Shepherd;

(f) Gollwog's Cake Walk.

Walter Gieseking (Piano). La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin). "Danse"

(a) Danse Sacree;

(b) Danse Profane.

Leopold Stokovsky and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Working Together."

7.30 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Trio in D minor, Op. 49.

1st Mov.: Molto Allegro Agitato.

2nd Mov.: Andante Con Moto Tranquillo.

3rd Mov.: Scherzo.

4th Mov.: Finale.

Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—Piano Duets by Moreton and Kaye.

Dinah: After You've Gaped: Nobody's Sweetheart.

Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 21.

Intro: An Apple for the Teacher;

They Can't Black Out the Moon; We'll Meet Again; I'll Remember; A Man and his Dreams; Goodnight Children Everywhere.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Hubert Elsdell (Tenor). International Railroad Express. Polka. Frieda. Jakov Serebroff's Russia Orch. Two Tired Old Eyes (Kenyon and Squire). Because I Miss You so. (Clanville and Coates). Hubert Elsdell (Tenor). Novello's—Serenade (Henselt). Frederic Hippmann and his Orch. Evensong (Martin). New Symphony Orchestra cond. by George Walter. Thinkin' of Mary (Ashby and T. C. Sternedale Bennett).

Always As I Close My Eyes (Handfield-Jones and Coates).

Hubert Elsdell (Tenor). Solemn Melody (Walford Davies). New Symphony Orchestra cond. by George Walter.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music with Variety. By the Washing Wall (Himmel).

Curtis and Ames. Waltz—Eli Always Love You.

Fox-Trot—In a Moonboat. Sydney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

Vocal—Don't Go in the Lion's Cage To-night (Luther).

The Beautiful Bearded Lady (Luther).

Zora Layman and the Home-towners.

Fox-Trots—I've Found a New Baby. Easy to Get.

Bud Freeman and his Summa Cum Laude Orchestra.

Vocal—I'll Sing you a Thousand Love Songs (film "Cain and Mabel").

Serenade in the Night (Kennedy). Marc Henri with Orch.

Fox-Trot—Lilacs in the Rain. Quick-Step—In an 18th Century Drawing Room.

Jack Hylton and his Orchestra. Vocal—Tony's in Town (from "It's Love Again").

It's Love Again. Jessie Matthews with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Never Took a Lesson in My Life.

Waltz—Lovely Old Lady. Sydney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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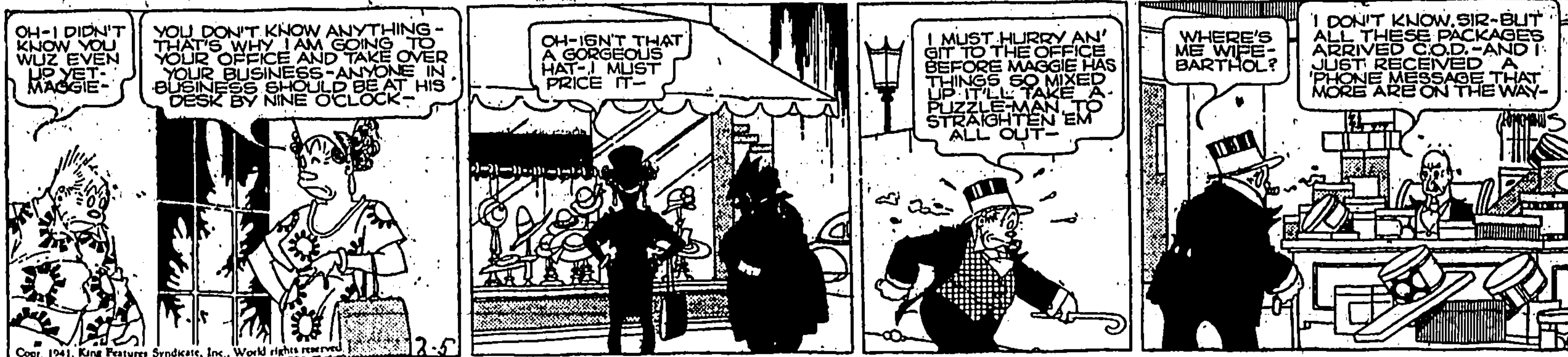
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Accessories Indicate Character

A Chic woman can take any well-fitting suit or coat or gown, no matter what its age, and make it look as small as an original by wearing with it well chosen accessories. Yes, shoes, bag, gloves and hat can make or ruin your appearance.

You find the best dressed women concentrating on monotonous—navy blue, brown, beige or black—for their suits and coats or dresses, and then pointing them up with gayly coloured smart accessories. By so doing they can make one nice fitting costume look like a whole wardrobe and they are never at a loss for a change.

But one's accessories must always look fresh. Your handbag should be cleaned frequently and never stretched out of shape by jamming it with everything you own! Your hat should be kept free from dust, powder and lipstick smears. Shoes must be kept in perfect order always. New heel lifts when needed, a shine or brushing, and every time you take them off shoe trees should be inserted. Any shoe will last months longer with good care.

I shouldn't have to remind you about your gloves. Soiled gloves like neglected hands tell the world you are a negligent person. Coloured or white, gloves should be spic and span when you start from home and never in need of mending where a seam has ripped. Dark sueded you know may be brushed with a rubber sponge, and all cloth or doeskin may and should be washed after each wearing.

If you go in for lingerie touches (and don't we all when the warm weather appears?) be certain that yours are as crisp and clean as new organdy. That may require frequent changing but it must be done!

If you are a meticulous beauty you will brush each dress thoroughly (especially inside the neck) when you take it off, hang it on a hanger and inspect it to see if it needs pressing or cleaning before you wear it again.



MARGARET LINDSAY reveals one of her glamour secrets—a cosmetic kit which not only carries all her make-up but contains three small bottles of daytime perfumes. It fits into her massive handbag.

While you wear heavy coats daily changing of dress shields is essential. If you buy those which may be pinned in a jiffy you will not find the changing a chore.

Little details such as fresh puffs or cotton wads in your compacts, handbag and compact mirrors cleaned occasionally, stains removed from handkerchiefs and finger's, lipsticks cleaned, and stocking seams straightened, are

too frequently neglected. See that you check up regularly on these.

If you spend the time I hope you do in grooming you body and keeping your figure pretty, it should follow like the night the day that what you wear and use be kept always in perfect order. Others judge you by what they see—and if they see neglect in grooming details their opinion of you cannot be flattering!



Gold digging Gertie says bulging pockets may not be a mark of good grubbing but certainly they give a girl an interesting story to tell.

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ROME HAS A COCKNEY HAW HAW

An Italian, with an unmistakably English accent, broadcasting anti-English news over the Rome radio station, has created surprised comment from neutral listeners.

The announcer was born and spent all his thirty years in England, says Associated Press. His father was born and lived in England, where he is to-day. His mother comes from Tipperary. He is short, dark and goodlooking. Here is his own story of how he obtained the job.

He comes, he said, from a Milanese family which emigrated to England. He was born there and lived in Britain until the outbreak of war.

He grew up with English children, went to an English public school and graduated at London University. He became a civil engineer and before the war worked on English defence projects.

All this time he nursed a resentment against the British who, he said, always treated him as an outsider.

When war broke out he presented to the authorities his Italian passport and documents stating he was Italian and was allowed to leave, via France.

"The chap who let me go told me I was making a mistake," he said in a pronounced Cockney accent.

He obtained his present job through a bureau set up to find places for repatriated Italians.

"You can say they don't pay me much money," he added.

NOT SO RESTFUL IN THE REST ROOM

It's a tiring job conducting the affairs of the city of Stoke-on-Trent. So tiring, in fact, that councillors have their own rest room.

But the atmosphere surrounding the room is anything but restful at the moment.

A controversy is raging round the City Council's decision to spend up to £200 on redecorating and refurnishing the room.

The decorating is already in progress, although some members of the council and some ratepayers have protested that this is a piece of extravagance, unjustified in war time, when all are asked to conserve their resources and lend their money to the Government.

R.A.O.C. COOLIES CHARGED

Three coolies of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., on Saturday with conspiracy to steal a metal ammunition container, containing 100 pounds of expended brass cartridge cases.

The accused were Tam King, 20, Yu Chuen, 32, and Lau Koon-sang, and all pleaded guilty.

The case was adjourned until Tuesday.

Detective Sergeant V. Morrison is in charge of the case.



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WORRIED BY FIRE WATCH MORALS

Mrs. Grundy considers fire-watching is likely to lead to immorality.

In at least one London district women volunteers have been banned from fire-watching because local busybodies believe there may be "goings-on o' nights."

Mrs. Brinton Lee, aged forty-three, told a reporter. "All the people in our street were recently asked to volunteer for fire-watching. As I'm strong and active I thought it my duty to volunteer."

"Not Wanted Again"

"After my husband and I had taken one turn from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. in pouring rain, on half-melted, half-frozen, snow—the rest of the shift having failed to turn up, and I don't blame them either—I was told I would not be required any more as the committee feared that the employment of women might lead to immorality." The fire-watch chief of another London borough, when told of the ban, said: "I have too much on my hands looking after people's lives and property to worry about their morals."

"It's a gross libel on English women, anyhow. I cannot think what kind of people these must be who have such extraordinary and debased ideas."

"We have lots of women volunteers here, and I will gladly welcome as many more of them as I can get."

A Ministry of Home Security official commented: "What local authorities do is their own affair, but the idea of banning women on such flimsy grounds seems ridiculous."

"FREE LANCE" TOWN CRIER

A "free lance" is how Town Crier Dave Willis of Selcely describes himself. His vocal activities have no boundaries or special district. Any town or village may buy his services at five shillings a cry. Dave, 73, is believed to be the only free-lance crier in England. Attired in red coat and waistcoat, with black silk top hat and large handbell, this veteran goes his rounds on a tricycle. Need for economy in the use of paper for posters has made the town crier a useful advertising medium for spreading news of local events.

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WOMAN DOCTOR DIES IN RAID

(By A Special Correspondent)

A WOMAN DOCTOR, well-known and loved throughout the district, went into a surface shelter while on her "rounds."

Twenty minutes after she arrived a heavy bomb crashed through the roof of the shelter, and demolished the first-aid post, killing two nurses there, besides many of the shelterers.

Dr. Lesley Probyn had been seen to go in—no one had seen her go out, and there was little doubt that she was buried beneath the piles of debris.

Hundreds of people in the district are praying that she is still alive. During the whole of the day and up to late at night rescuers were frantically digging in the debris. But there was little hope of saving anyone.

Dr. Probyn was about forty-five years of age. For many years she had worked among the folk of these narrow streets seeing them into the world, tending childish ailments and the illnesses of maturity.

When the air blitz started she was one of the first to make regular visits to the shelters in her district. Every night she made a round of three or four nearest to her home.

No Trace

The blast of the bomb also wrecked her own home. Warden searched the place to see if she was there, but there was no trace of her. Inquiries in other places had no results.

"Dr. Probyn was a good woman," said Mr. Arthur Dunmell, deputy post warden, to a reporter. "Everybody round here loved her. No matter what the conditions, she would answer any call. She was a friend as well as a doctor."

In the same shelter a thirteen-year-old crippled girl, Joyce Winters, asleep in her bath chair, escaped unharmed. She was with her father and her father's mother and sister all of whom were unhurt.

Coat Blown Off

Joyce's mother was in hospital, where she gave birth to a baby boy.

Her father, who was a shelter

marshal, was half-stunned by the explosion, his coat was blown off and his shirt and trousers were torn to ribbons.

Four enemy bombers were brought down before dawn—one by gunfire in Norfolk, the second by a night fighter in the Home Counties, and two by gunfire off the east coast.

SOLDIERS GARDENERS NOW

The War Department has taken over 100,000 acres of land in fourteen counties so that the Army can help to produce more food for the nation.

Soldiers will use spades, forks, hoes and rakes while waiting to defend their country against the Nazis' threatened invasion.

The food they produce will go to the Army and supplement civilian supplies. It will also reduce transport and save money for the taxpayer.

It is hoped that the A.T.S. will cooperate in the work.

"It is a big job we are undertaking," Colonel J. K. Martin, Assistant Quartermaster-General, Northern Command, told a reporter.

No Compulsion

"This is purely a patriotic effort by the Army. There will be no compulsion on any soldier."

"The Government are giving us a loan of £10 an acre, which we shall pay back out of profits. Each unit will be responsible for its own plots. Seeds and artificial manure will be provided."

"N.A.A.F.I. will be our first customers, and through them the Army units will make their purchases. Any surplus will be disposed of on lines suggested by the Ministry of Food."

It is expected that 100 soldiers who were market gardeners before the war will be withdrawn from the ranks to act as area supervisors.

Major H. V. Hall, peace-time estate manager for a peer, is the Northern Command's "O.C. Agriculture."

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MOLE HUNT TO PAY FOR ARMS

Schoolchildren and soldiers, labourers and squires all over the country are combining in a great hunt for moles so that the skins can be exported as fur coats and provide foreign exchange to pay for war supplies.

The Fur Trade Export Group have appealed to professional trappers to teach country people how to trap moles correctly. Ten million skins are needed, it is stated. It takes 400 skins to make a full length fur coat.

Mr. Augustus Edwards, of a Hereford skin collecting firm, who has done a great deal of mole trapping, let me into the secrets of the job.

Trappers Are Scarce

"To become expert you must study the habits of moles," he said. "They must be trapped below ground, and the traps laid in the runs they use daily. It will take weeks to discover which run they use when going for food and water."

"Moles have a very highly developed sense of smell so you must lay the traps with gloves that have been used for the same purpose and smell of mole, not man, or cover your hands with clay."

"The traps must be covered with earth, and new ones buried for days before use."

"Professional trappers are scarce now. It is a job which runs in families."

SALISBURY TO AID SALISBURY

The old question, "What's in a name?" was answered in a very tangible manner when citizens of Salisbury (North Carolina) started a shipment of 363 pounds of clothing to Salisbury, England, for which this Piedmont city of 18,968 was named. There were gifts for all. This was the third such shipment from Salisbury since the beginning of the war in Europe.

Meanwhile, knitters are increasing their efforts to supply more articles for British sailors on the destroyer Salisbury, giving added emphasis to the name. Incidentally, Salisbury, N.C., figured prominently in both Revolutionary and Civil War history.

In addition to the clothing already dispatched to England, and the anticipated output of knitters now at work, there are other articles that will form another consignment.

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CURIOUS LAWS GOVERN BOXING IN OHIO, U.S.A.

Spectators Can Be Gaoled Under Present Statutes

BECAUSE IT WOULD REPLACE many commissions with one and repeal obsolete, antiquated and repeatedly violated laws, the boxing and wrestling bill introduced in the Ohio legislature by State Senator John Patrick Kilbane merits consideration, writes a correspondent from Columbus, Ohio.

In the golden and giddy days, Cleveland was one of the better boxing centres.

Gene Tunney outpointed Johnny Risko in Cleveland just before lifting the championship from Jack Dempsey. Max Schmeling defended the heavyweight title by stopping Young Stribling in Cleveland. Anton Christoforidis only recently acquired the N.B.A. version of the 175-pound championship by outgunning Melio Bettina in 15 rounds there.

Yet an Ohio law imposes a sentence of not less than one year nor more than 10 on any principal in a prize fight.

Fine Or Prison

Another imposes a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisonment for not more than three months or both on whoever agrees to engage in a public sparring or boxing exhibition, aids or assists, attends or leases premises therefor.

That means that participants, seconds, spectators and—say the manager of Cleveland's Public Hall—could be fined and put in the jug in connection with an amateur card.

A current law makes it mandatory upon enforcement agencies to arrest a person about to have hand in a fight as principal or second.

It provides for the accused furnishing a bond of not less than \$500, nor more than \$10,000, that he will not engage in such a fight within a year in Ohio or elsewhere. . . . provides for his commitment to gaol until the order is complied with. When a sheriff has reason to believe a fight is about to take place, it becomes his duty to summon sufficient citizens to arrest everybody in the joint, including the paying guests.

Boxing Now Conducted Under City Ordinances

Boxing for years has been conducted in Ohio under municipal commissions created by city ordinances.

Cleveland has a splendid board of which Tris Speaker, the Gray Eagle of baseball, is chairman, but Senator Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion for 11 years, declares conditions elsewhere to be awful.

The Kilbane bill, with which its sponsor hopes to establish a fund for retarded children while improving professional boxing, in its original form would place at 10 per cent. state tax on gross receipts, bringing total assessments

to 23 per cent., including the 10 per cent. federal and 3 per cent. state excise. Promoters now pay cities 6 per cent.

When Bob Brickman, Cleveland promoter, protested the 10 per cent. state tax, Kilbane offered to cut it to 50 per cent. Additional revenue would be obtained through licence fees. Clubs, participants, referees, managers and seconds are not required to have licences under the present setup.

Promoter Doubts State Would Collect Expenses

But Brickman, who put on the successful Christoforidis matches in Cleveland, points out that seven of nine professional boxing shows lost money in Cleveland in 1940.

He contends the state would not collect enough to pay each of three commissioners \$2,500 a year and a secretary \$3,000, not to mention the salaries of inspectors and expenses all around.

The wrestling business has gone to pot in Ohio, as it has in all other states, so would be of little help.

Countering cleverly, as usual, Senator Kilbane expresses his willingness to make membership on the commission non-paying . . . to limit expense in that connection to a fair salary for a secretary.

Senator Kilbane speaks of cleaning up the game. They've been doing that since John L. Sullivan was offering to lick any man in the house, and have gotten nowhere in particular. The trouble now is that there isn't much of the game left to clean up.

But Senator Kilbane never was ruled off for not trying and, as he points out, his bill would at least put an end to open violation of the law.

ANOTHER TAM FOR UNIVERSITY

One of the mainstays of University cricket this season has been K. Y. Tam, whose left-handed batting has proved invaluable to the undergraduates on many occasions.

Tam has an excellent defence and is one of the most enterprising batsmen in the Colony, with fine forcing strokes on the off and neat shots on the leg. He is one of several brothers—all cricketers—who learned the game in Malaya and he has made one appearance in Inter-State cricket, playing on that occasion for Malacca. One brother plays regularly for Malacca and another, who is also said to be almost in the same class, will be joining Hong Kong University soon, to stiffen still further the much-improved cricket team.

TSUIS MAY NOT BE PLAYING IN LEAGUE

Some of the old faces are likely to be missing in the Tennis League this season, and it is possible that C.R.C. will be without several of their stars.

It is learned that the Tsui brothers have not yet made up their minds to play League tennis as they are contemplating a season's rest, while Paul Kong has definitely made up his mind to confine his summer's activity to swimming.

D. J. Leonard, who played for Radio Sports Club for some seasons in the Tennis League, may play for Philippine Club this season. The reason is that the "D" Division games will be played on Friday, the day of which his young teaming duties are less likely to interfere with his tennis.

MACAO UPSET CRITICS

M a c a o unexpectedly won the fifth soccer Interport by the only goal scored by Carvalho, the centre-forward, five minutes before the interval.

Macao played good football and the game was full of excitement as both goals were visited in turn.

Santos played a grand game for the home team in goal and brought off several good saves. In the last minutes of the game he saved brilliantly from Lee Wai-tong.

The effects of the Governor's cup game of the previous day told on the Hong Kong players. Tsang Chung-wan, who played a sound game in Hong Kong the previous day, was not reliable and this threw additional work on his partner, and in the forward-line Hau Ching-to was ineffective.

Hong Kong could not get accustomed to the ground conditions and many of their passes were too hard.

HONG KONG—Bankier; Roughley and Tsang Chung-wan; Pope, Lau Hing-choy and Maxwell; Fowler, Howlett, Hendy, Lee Wai-tong and Hau Ching-to. MACAO—Santos; Chul-fai and Cordova; Souza, Collaco and Groza; Leung Shui-wah, Guerrero, Carvalho, Gomes and Ip Po-to.

HSU'S BAD LUCK

Hsu King-seng, who was invited to go to Macao with the Interport team, had to refuse owing to pressure of work. He also missed the tour to Manila with Eastern for the same reason.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
S. China	20	16	2	2	63	24	34		
Eastern	20	15	3	2	70	32	33		
Sing Tao	20	14	3	3	50	23	31		
Middlesex	20	12	2	6	47	37	26		
R. Scots	20	8	2	10	41	47	18		
Kowloon	20	6	4	10	37	38	16		
R. Navy	20	5	5	10	46	52	15		
Police	20	6	1	13	32	57	13		
Club	20	6	1	13	42	59	13		
K. Wah	20	4	4	12	40	69	12		
St. Joseph's	20	3	3	14	22	52	9		
Totals	220	95	30	95	490	450	220		

SECOND DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
R.E.	26	22	3	1	97	27	47		
R.A.S.C.	26	19	3	4	106	34	41		
Middlesex	26	16	3	7	69	46	35		
Sing Tao	26	14	4	8	64	31	32		
S. China	26	12	6	8	84	40	30		
R. Scots	26	14	2	10	62	35	30		
30th R.A.	26	13	4	9	57	56	30		
Kit Chee	26	13	3	10	54	58	29		
K. Wah	26	10	4	12	49	64	24		
R. Navy	26	9	2	15	50	73	20		
R.A.O.C.	26	7	5	14	39	60	19		
Police	26	6	3	17	38	80	15		
Club	26	3	2	21	22	113	8		
Kowloon	26	0	4	22	18	86	4		
Totals	364	158	48	158	809	809	364		

THIRD DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
R.A.F.	24	17	5	2	74	24	39		
Signals	24	17	5	2	69	25	39		
36th R.A.	24	14	4	6	73	31	32		
12th R.A.	24	12	6	6	73	38	30		
24th R.A.	24	11	5	8	55	31	27		
R.E.	24	13	1	10	68	40	27		
7th R.A.	24	10	5	9	42	42	25		
36th R.A.	24	9	4	11	45	54	22		
R.A.M.C.	24	10	2	12	39	62	22		
Internat'l	24	9	3	12	45	48	21		
20th R.A.	24	8	2	14	30	58	18		
Shell	24	2	4	18	21	74	8		
A.S.A.	24	0	2	22	10	101	2		
Totals	312	132	48	132	625	625	312		

REST DRAW WITH K.C.C. IN EXTREMELY DULL MATCH

By "Adrem"

The Second Division Cricket League Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club second eleven, drew with an eleven representing "The Rest" in a friendly cricket match at Cox's Road yesterday.

It was a strangely dull match, considering nothing was at stake, with much of the grimness of a Test Match but none of the interest.

Rapley, for the champions, batted breezily at the outset but after wickets started to topple fast, he went into his shell and his score stayed at 39 for some considerable time.

With Goodban, Gray and Fenton making a few, the K.C.C. total eventually reached 136. Veteran U. M. Omar was in great form with the ball and took 4 for 22 and young Arculli created a very fine impression in his first big match.

Apart from Strange, who played some very nice shots on the off, although he did not always succeed in penetrating a well-placed field, and a correct innings by A. E. Noronha, the Rest innings was extremely dull, the match petering out into a draw. Lawrence, who was undefeated with 11 at the

Splendid Bowling

Taylor bowled magnificently. He could not always keep off the leg, but his well-flighted deliveries and sharp nip off the wicket had the Rest batsmen in difficulties all the time. Fenton, pitched the ball right up and with the aid of a couple of good catches, finished with 4 for 22.

The catching on both sides was good. Lawrence took four fairly good slip catches for the Rest and for the home team Baxter snapped up a quick one in the slips and Gray took a nice one at wide mid-off to dismiss Carey, who was just beginning to hit them hard.

During the tea-interval a group photograph was taken of both teams.

K.C.C. 2ND XI

W. L. Rapley, c Lawrence, b Esmail	47
K. M. Baxter, c Lawrence, b Omar	2
T. M. Madar, c Lawrence, b Omar	0
W. C. Hung, c Esmail, b Arculli	2
G. A. Goodban, c Lo, b Remedios	22
S. A. Gray, b Arculli	25
G. E. Taylor, c Lawrence, b Esmail	3
W. W. Parsons, l.b.w., b Esmail	6
R. J. Fenton, not out	15
H. Brokenshire, b Omar	3
G. W. Giffen, b Omar	0
Extras (B11)	11
Total	136

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Omar	8.4	2	22	4
Arculli	8	1	45	2
Carey	4	2	8	0
Remedios	3	1	11	1
Esmail	7	0	39	3

THE REST XI

K. Lo, b Hung	0
A. E. Noronha, l.b.w., b Fenton	9
M. A. Remedios, c Baxter, b Taylor	3
J. C. Fenton, c Brokenshire, b Taylor	6
A. E. Carey, c Gray, b Fenton	11
M. I. Razack, c Baxter, b Fenton	4
H. E. Strange, b Fenton	18
F. E. Lawrence, not out	11
U. M. Omar, c Giffen, b Taylor	0
N. H. Esmail, not out	2
Extras (B27, LB3)	30
Total (for 8 wickets)	94

A. E. Arculli did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hung	7	3	12	1
Taylor	11	2	25	3
Fenton	7	1	22	4
Baxter	3	0	5	0

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

AT KOWLOON C.C.	
Senior Singles	
K. W. Choy v F. Koh (8.00 p.m.)	
Mixed Doubles	
P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro (9.30 p.m.)	
Junior Singles	
J. Odell v A. L. Fisher (8.30 p.m.)	
T. S. Young v D. Chelliah (9.00 p.m.)	

CHARITY GAME NEXT SUNDAY?

If permission is obtained, the soccer game from which the proceeds will be utilised for a scholarship in memory of the late Chen Chen-wo (Darky Chen) will be played at Caroline Hill on Sunday next.

Hazard, Navy and Association football play will be leaving the Colony soon.



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K. TONG TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Following are the results of Kowloon Tong Garden City Association's tennis tournament to date:—

SINGLES HANDICAP

First Round:—R. M. Lavalie (+15) beat Peter Lo (+5); Chan Kam-tong (+2/6) beat Y. H. Tang (+3/6); Peter Pang (+3/6) beat H. S. Wong (+30 3/6); D. Chen (scr.) received a walk-over from E. Penn (+15 3/6) and A. H. Basto (+3/6) received a walk-over from Peter Wong (+15 3/6).
Second Round:—A. H. Basto (+3/6) beat H. H. Lin (—15 4/6).
Third Round:—D. Chen (scr.) beat A. H. Basto (+3/6).

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:—Dr. Bee and Dr. Kho beat W. Gittins and H. Y. Hsu; C. C. Ma and Peter U beat H. H. Lin and T. E. Ling; Lam Kwan and F. H. K. Kwok beat A. Chan and James Hsu; and Edward Lee and L. S. Chan beat S. K. Yee and A. H. Basto.

Second Round:—Edward Lee and L. S. Chan beat K. M. Lee and M. S. Lee.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:—D. Chen beat R. M. Lavalie; Peter U beat H. H. Lin.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final

R. E. Guest v. M. Pagh (holder)

(Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Final

G. W. Sewell (—4/6) v. T. J. Gould (—15.2) (8).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) v. J. S. Thicobald and Mrs. Torrible (—15) (4).

MRS. LITTLE WILLING TO TURN PRO.

Dorothy Round Little, twice winner of the Wimbledon women's singles tennis title and a British war guest in Canada, said during a visit to Toronto that she is willing to abandon her amateur status, writes a correspondent.

Mrs. Little said she was investigating the possibilities of a professional coaching contract. She expressed the hope that Toronto or Montreal would be sufficiently tennis-minded to want a woman professional.

"I'll be a bit of a wrench, leaving amateur tennis," she said, "but nothing matters except the war really, and anyhow I think after it that professionals and amateurs will be allowed to compete against each other."

Mrs. Little, who won her first Wimbledon title from Helen Jacobs in 1934, will visit New York shortly where she will meet Mary Hardwick the English tennis player who was in the United States when war broke out. Miss Hardwick turned professional and is touring with Alice Marble, Don Budge and Bill Tilden.

BASEBALL LEAGUE RECRUIT

Lacas Club contemplate entering the Baseball League this season. Among their members are a number of the Indian Softball team and others who have played in the local Baseball League, including R. Laurel, A. M. Abbas and A. J. Hussain.

Ernie Hearther, known as the uncrowned ten pin bowling champion of the Colony, has taken quite a fancy to golf and is out on the links very often. Although he had played golf in America, he had not previously devoted much of his time to this game here.

A. Spence, who swam for A.P.C. at the Inter-Hong swimming meet last year, is now in Manila on holiday.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

BOWLS

Lawn bowls made an unofficial start on Saturday when the Annual game for the "Sam White" Cup between Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Club de Recreio and several other games were played.

Recreio won the cup by 71 shots. At Cox's Road Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 30 shots.

Several intra Club games were also played during the afternoon.

CRICKET

A "hat trick" by M. R. Abbas, the third in Second Division League cricket this season and a score of 105 by J. Macauley, retired, were the outstanding features of the two cricket games played on Saturday.

FOOTBALL

One of the best soccer games this season was played on Club ground when the Federation and Association met in the Final game of the Governor's Cup competition which resulted in a draw after extra time.

The standard of football was high and spectators were treated to thrills when both goals had narrow escapes particularly in the extra time.

Ferrier saved the Association when he equalised in the last minute of the game. All the players gave good performances, but mention must be made of Bankier in Association goal, and Howlett in the attack.

Cheung Wing-choy also played well in Federation goal and in the closing stages of the extra time brought off several good saves.

WOOD WINS MASTERS' TOURNEY

CRAIG WOOD, WITH AN AGGREGATE OF 280 FOR 72 HOLES, WON THE ANNUAL MASTERS' GOLF TOURNAMENT WHICH ENDED IN ATLANTA RECENTLY.

Byron Nelson was second, with 283; Sam Byrd third with 285; Ben Hogan fourth with 286.

Lawson Little, present American open champion, finished with 290.

Wood's first round of 66 was the best in the tournament, being six under par.—Reuter.

HOCKEY

The last Ladies' hockey game of the season was played at King's Park on Saturday when Hong Kong Ladies beat St. Andrew's by 3 goals to 1.

KHALSA ATHLETIC MEETING

The Khalsa Diwan Sports Club held its second annual sports meeting at the Indian Recreation Club grounds yesterday afternoon.

The following were the results: 440 yards.—1, Kaminder Singh; 2, Pritam Singh.

220 yards.—1, Pertab Singh; 2, Jagir Singh.

150 yards.—1, Tarlochan Singh; 2, Gurmakh Singh.

High Jump.—1, Pritam Singh; 2, Kaminder Singh.

Half-mile.—1, Pertab Singh; 2, Gurbachan Singh.

Pick-a-Back.—1, Tarlochan Singh and Gurbachan Singh; 2, Iqbal Singh and Sarjit Singh.

One-mile.—1, Pritam Singh; 2, Gurbachan Singh.

Three-Legged Race.—1, Gurmakh Singh and Jagdish Chander; 2, Jaswant Singh and Gurbachan Singh.

100 yards Handicap (Girls).—1, Sita Lall; 2, Amar Kour; 3, Sarjit Kour.

Handicap (Kiddies).—1, Harbhans Kour; 2, Ranjit Singh; 3, Sarjit Kour.

100 yards (I.R.C.).—1, Kaminder Singh; 2, Gurbachan Singh.

One-mile (Open).—1, Channan Singh; 2, Khan Mohamed.

Shot Put.—1, Naranjan Singh; 2, Kartar Singh.

100 yards (Girls).—1, Kartar Kour; 2, Jivinder Kour; 3, Sita Lall.

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MOVE TO FORESTALL NAZI DRIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The sending of British troops to Basra, in Iraq, is interpreted in London as a move to forestall an anticipated German move through Turkey to the Iraqi oil fields.

International News Service.

CANADIAN PREMIER AT HYDE PARK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MR. MACKENZIE KING, CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, VISITED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT THE LATTER'S HYDE PARK (N.Y.) RESIDENCE AND CONFERRED ON GRAVE PROBLEMS OF NORTH AMERICAN DEFENCE.

Although specific subjects discussed are not mentioned, it is reported that the President is considering opening Halifax, Nova Scotia, to American shipping.

International News Service.

Havoc Amid Nazi Troops And Convoys

R.A.F. BOMBERS and fighters inflicted heavy casualties and damage on enemy personnel and material in Tripolitania as well as in Cyrenaica during Saturday and the previous night, according to an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Enemy motor transport was destroyed in numerous localities, including Acroma, El Adem, Bardia and Monastir. A number of enemy aircraft were bombed and damaged at Derna aerodrome, and Berka airport was also raided.

Fighters carried out continuous offensive patrols and inflicted heavy casualties on motorised troops. They machine-gunned Giala aerodrome where they destroyed one Savoia bomber and damaged a number of Fiat fighters on the ground.

Two Messerschmidt fighters were shot down over Gazala. Junkers dive-bombers which raided Tobruk were engaged by British fighters and one was shot down and others damaged.

Benghazi Raided

During the night of April 16, R.A.F. bombers raided Benghazi, obtaining direct hits on a ship and starting fires on the quays. The same night Tripoli was heavily raided, about 15 tons of bombs being dropped.

IN GREECE, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE AND SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITY BY THE R.A.F. ON SATURDAY AND THE PREVIOUS DAY.

Stukas Intercepted

German dive-bombers escorted by fighters, attempting to attack our ground troops and shipping at Khalkis, were intercepted by our fighter patrols.

During the day, without loss to themselves, our fighters shot down three Junkers 87's, two Junkers 88's, four Messerschmidt 109's and one Heinkel 126 (a total of 10) and severely damaged many others.

On Saturday several other Savoia 79's were seriously damaged by our fighters over Melos.

In Abyssinia, in the Dessie-Alomata area, enemy positions and motor transport were bombed and machine-gunned, direct hits being obtained on fortifications and military buildings.

Dessie Visit

R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned motor transport north of Dessie, causing considerable damage and setting oil tankers afire.

The enemy attacked Malta during the night of April 18, causing some damage to civilian property, but there were few civilian casualties. One Junkers was shot down into the sea.

From all these operations one of our fighters is missing.—Reuter.

ALLIES COMPELLED AGAIN TO GIVE GROUND

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Line Unbroken

The Allied line in Greece remains unbroken, and a Greek Press Ministry bulletin broadcast from Athens says that while the Allied line has been modified at some points on the defenders' own initiative, the line continues firm.

The bulletin adds that the Germans are persistently attacking fiercely along the whole Greek and British fronts but "all their violent efforts to force a final and immediate decision have failed."

The bulletin continues: "The Germans are bringing up more and more reinforcements of mechanised units, infantry and aircraft, but despite all these efforts the British and Greeks are fighting like lions and still hold their line."

Heavy Casualties

Advancing in waves, it is stated, the Germans attempted to secure at all costs passes to the Kalabaka area but failed and paid dearly in casualties for their failure.

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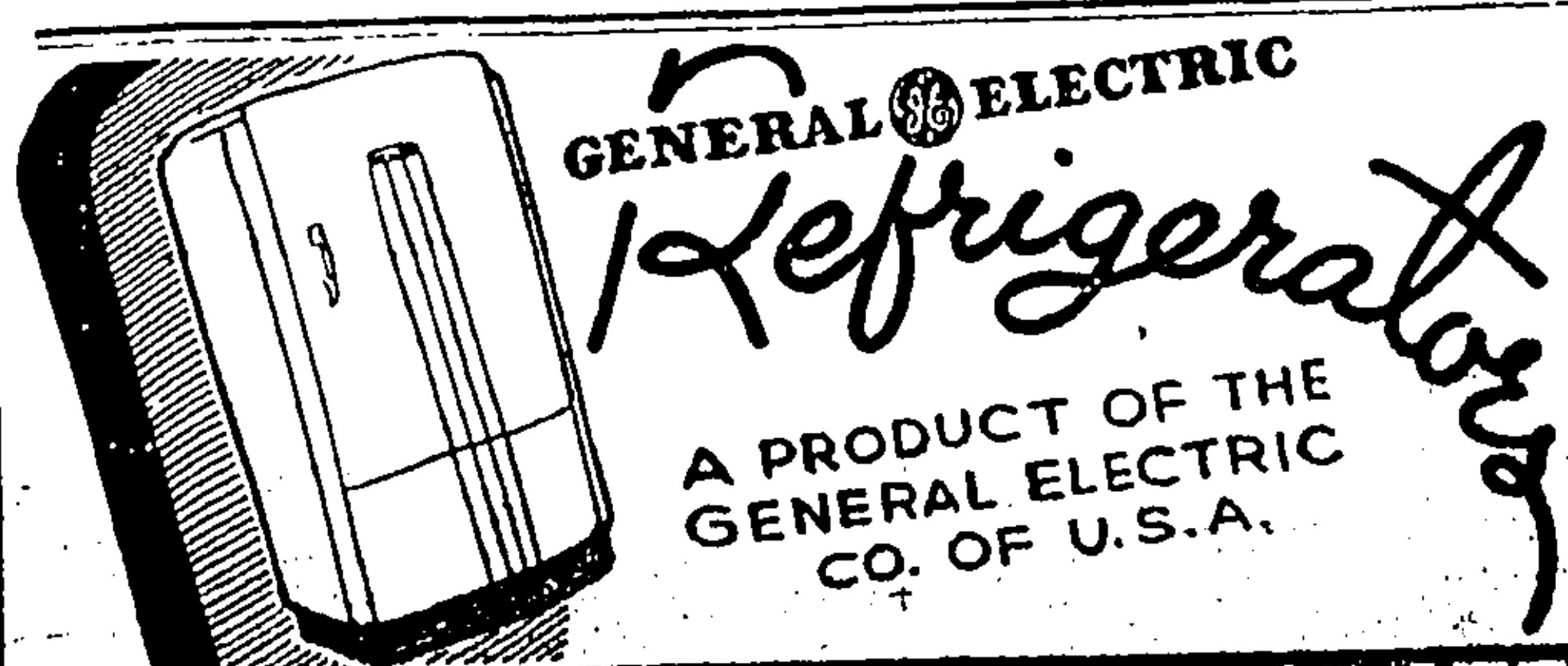
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MANY UNIQUE FEATURES An Underground Stream

WINDSOR HOUSE, Hong Kong's newest and one of the finest office buildings, is not only a completely modern eight-storey structure but includes a large number of unique features, some of which are a result of the special peculiarities of the site, while others are based on a study of the needs of such buildings in Hong Kong.

The architects, Messrs Leigh and Orange, of which firm Mr J. E. Butler, A.R.B.A., was principally responsible, had not only to take into consideration such things as an underground stream and a network of drains and cables, but also had to allow for the difference in the levels of Des Voeux and Queen's Roads, as it is proposed eventually to extend the building over what is now the St. Francis Hotel, making a huge and roughly U-shaped structure.

The bulk of the building, which at the moment runs some 20 feet further back than the Exchange Building next door, is taken up with the usual offices, all of which are already occupied.

Special Needs

Special arrangements, however, had to be made to cater to the needs of three occupiers: the Dairy Farm, whose premises take up the ground and mezzanine floors in front; the Newspaper Enterprise, Limited, whose printing machinery and offices occupy the same floors at the back, away from the noises of the street; and a large Ballroom, owned by Gray Brothers, on the top floor.

No less than 338 concrete piles, the majority of them between 30 and 40 feet in length, were driven in below the level of the pile capping, which in many places is below the basement foundation of old buildings formerly on the site of what is now Windsor House.

This old pile capping was of slabs on a bed of lime and cement concrete.

Below Sea Level

Excavation was frequently below sea-level and this, together with the fact that an underground stream from the upper levels runs across the site, made pumping necessary at all times. In addition, there were variations in the water levels as the tides rose and fell, together with great variation after the exceptionally heavy rains which prevailed almost throughout construction.

The level of the basement floor was laid four feet above the ordnance datum, and, with the experience of typhoons and floods in former years in the Colony, the architects made arrangements for the whole of the basement to be very carefully water-proofed.

A water-proof membrane makes the whole basement into a vast tank; a reinforced layer of concrete on the floor resists up-

ward pressure, while a protective skin of brick has been applied to the walls.

The difficulties of piling and excavation were not, however, confined to the problem of water. There was a veritable network of electric and telephone cables, 80 pipes and sewers, in the lane adjoining the Exchange Building and on the Des Voeux Road frontage.

In addition, constant attention

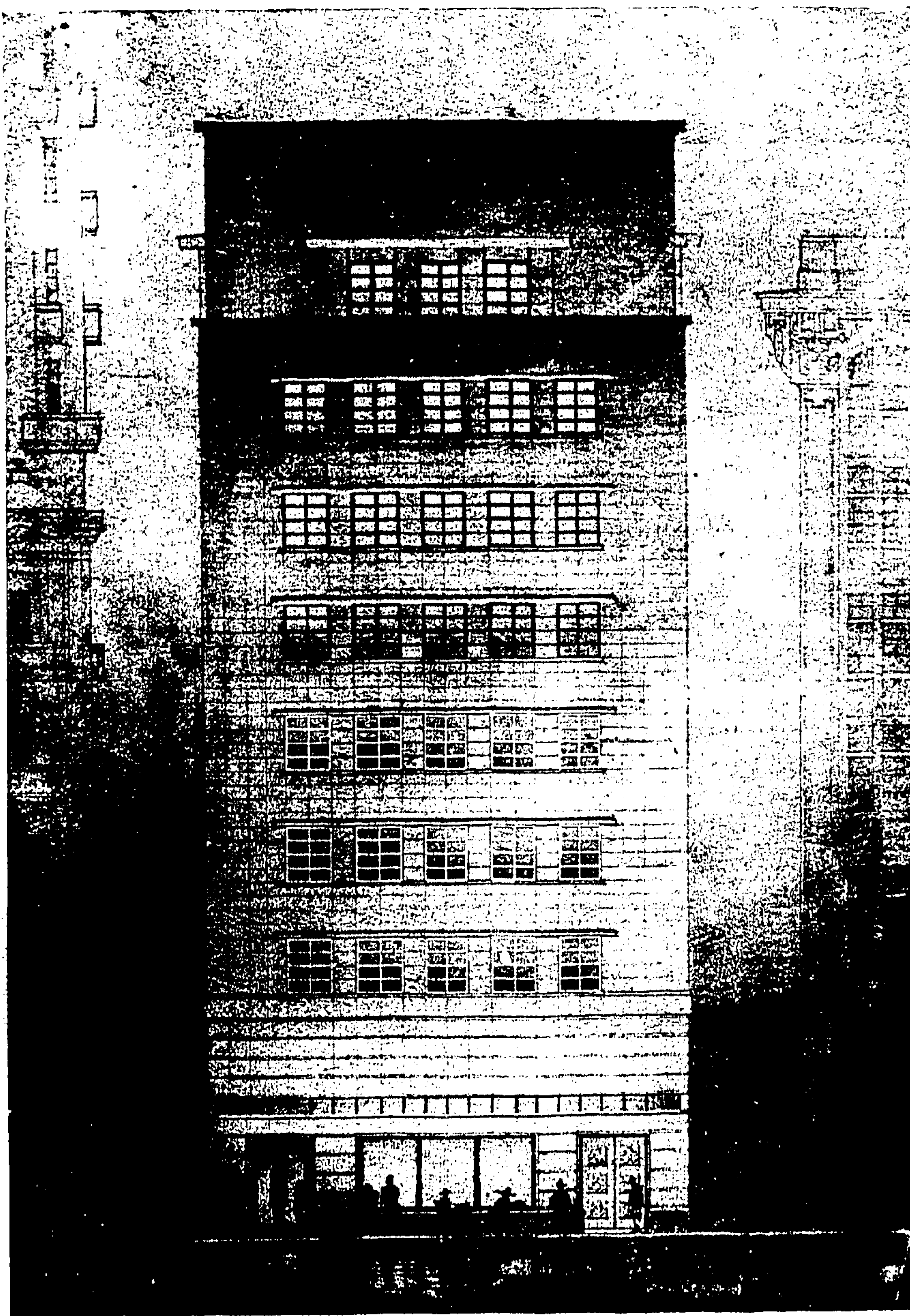
was required to the main drain taking the outfall from the St. Francis Hotel, Marina House and the Exchange Building, owing to fractures following subsidence.

Turning to the structure proper, the building is of reinforced concrete frame construction. Except on the Des Voeux Road frontage, the walls are monolithic, the space between the rows of windows being a reinforced concrete beam bearing the floor load.

The roof is constructed of a reinforced concrete truss, which serves the dual purpose of efficiently insulating the upper floor from the heat of a summer sun and also allows the top floor to be free of internal columns — an important consideration in view of the cabaret there.

The windows on the Des Voeux Road frontage, incidentally, are recessed and protected by a con-

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An architect's sketch of Windsor House.

A NEW ENTERPRISE Soda Fountain Restaurant

BY their removal to Windsor House, The Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., have added yet another milestone to their history—a history which has had "Progress" as its watch-word.

With the continued expansion of the Company's activities, the administrative offices of the Company at 2, Lower Albert Road, dating back to 1899, had for a considerable period been inadequate. While a change was desirable it was realised that if such were to take place it would be more fitting to secure premises in a central location in the City for both offices and shop. Suitable premises to house both were not immediately procurable in the central district, and so in 1933 the Company opened a down-town branch at 13 Queen's Road, Central. Since that time this branch has served a very necessary and useful purpose and was greatly appreciated by customers of the Company.

THE Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co.'s scheme for the Windsor House premises provided the Company with the opportunity which they had had in mind of having their offices and shop in the one building.

Arrangements were accordingly completed for the renting of the Ground Floor, Mezzanine and Basement of Windsor House. Situated on the Mezzanine Floor are the well-appointed ad-

ministrative offices of the Company.

ON the Ground Floor a large section has been taken up with the display in McCray electrically refrigerated units of everything a person could wish for in the way of Food. These units are of very latest design and should prove of the greatest assistance to customers in selecting their requirements. This

method of display is that adopted by leading Food providers all over the World.

A wide selection of Tinned Goods will be found on display in the Provisions Department, where toilet & household Soaps and other household requisites may be purchased.

ANOTHER feature of the store will be the Bakery & Confectionery Department. In a

section of their former offices at 2 Lower Albert Road, the Company have installed a modern Bakery equipped with the latest type equipment from the United States, and the Company now offers a variety of Breads, small Cakes, etc., etc., and will feature a Milk Bread, the Milk coming from their fine herd of Dairy Cows at Pokfulam. The Company are also Agents for two well

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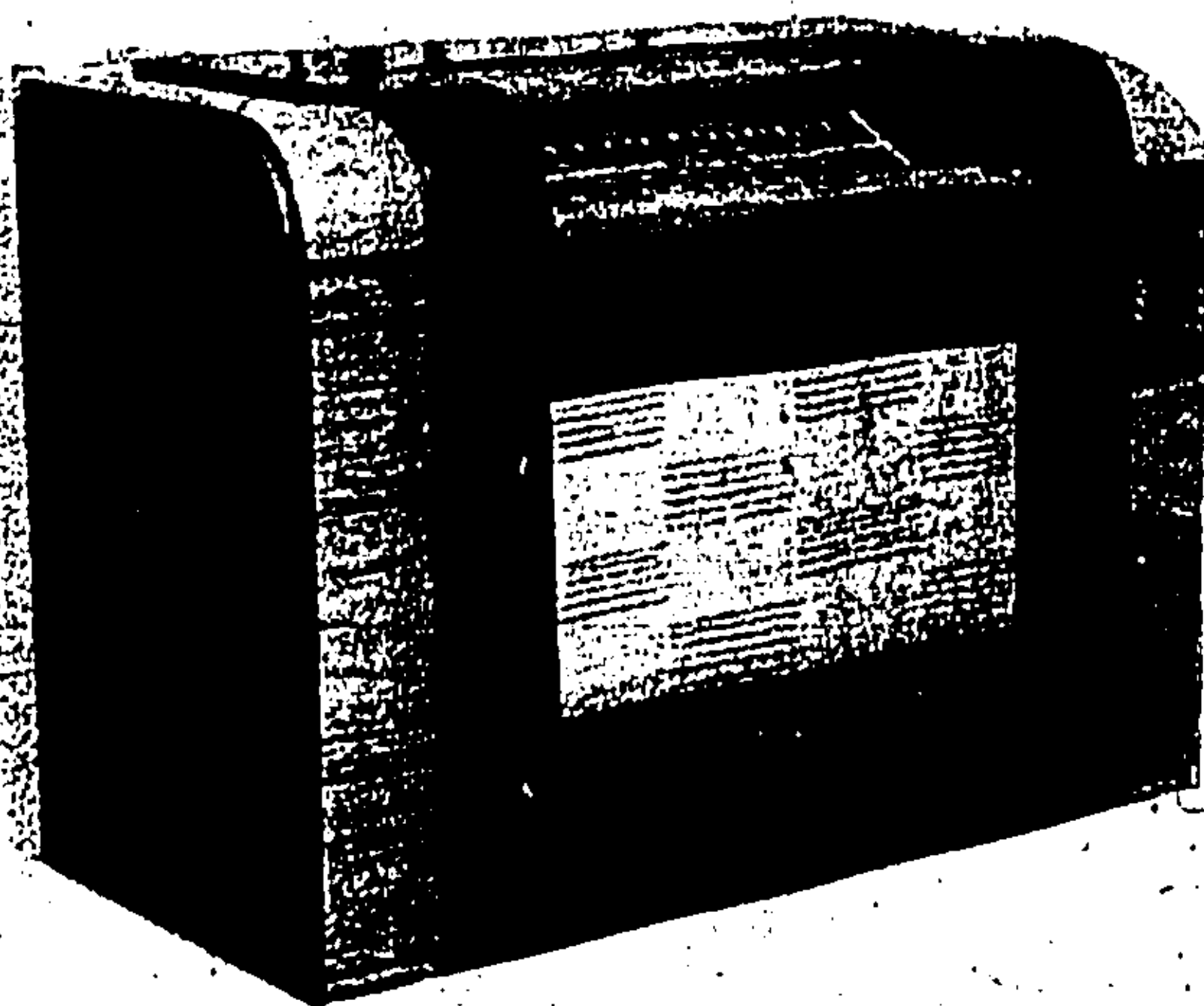
A general view of the Dairy Farm's new restaurant, showing the soda fountain.

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MANY UNIQUE FEATURES

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crete slab in order to obtain some of the conditions of present verandahs—the absence of glare and direct sunlight and no heat, as well as enabling the windows to be kept open during heavy rains.

An example of the ingenuity displayed in designing the building is provided by the office windows, although to the layman they may, at first sight, appear to be just ordinary windows.

Each window, however, is actually divided into three sections. The upper section is hung and pushes out, enabling it to be left open during the frequent heavy summer rains.

The middle, and largest section, opens in the ordinary way, and provides general ventilation of the offices during still days.

Window Features

But office-workers will particularly appreciate the bottom section of the windows, for this section eliminates almost perfectly one of the bug-bears of paper work during gusty weather, when one wants to keep as much of the window open as possible and at the same time maintain some semblance of order among the papers on the desks.

This bottom section is hinged along its lower edge and falls inward. This effectively deflects the gusts of wind and shoots them up towards the ceiling, instead of blowing directly onto the desk and scattering the papers on it to the four corners of the room.

Steel windows have been used throughout, and before leaving the workshops each window was treated with sand-blasting, following which metallic zinc was immediately sprayed on under pressure.

The zinc is thus blown into the pores of the steel opened by the sand-blasting and helps to keep away corrosion.

Four Lifts

There are four lifts in all — three passenger lifts at the front,

and a messenger-and-coolie lift at the back, with entrance to the latter from the lane adjoining the Exchange Building.

Messrs. Leigh & Orange have been entrusted with the work and the elevation reproduced shows the edifice that, it is hoped, will replace ultimately St. Francis Hotel and up to the south-west corner of Ice House Street.

This building will be joined to the back of Windsor House forming one large "L" shaped block.

The present idea is to lay-out the ground floor in either a series of three bank premises or one large bank at the corner with a smaller one to the west.

The messenger-and-coolie lift is unique in the Colony in that each stop serves two floors, the lift arriving at a special lobby half-way between the floors — "First and Second," "Second and Third" and so on.

Brainchild

This arrangement is the brain-child of the architects, incidentally, and no other building in Hong Kong is so equipped. It is intended to afford an economy in stops and is also designed to keep messengers and coolies off the main corridor and landings while waiting for the lift.

The latter suggests itself as the more attractive provided one of the local financial institutions can take up such an extensive area as would cover the corner site.

Upwards from the first to the sixth floors, office accommodation will be provided and great planning care is being exercised in the direction of light, also ventilation.

The general principles of Windsor House will be continued as regards method of construction.

Under existing conditions of high constructional costs which may be expected to obtain several years after the war is over, a large re-building scheme of this nature calls for much thought and no decision is likely to be reached until the cost of such has been carefully investigated. This is being done.

Des Voeux Road and Queen's Road.

Height Of Floors

The height of the ground floor was ruled by the height of the floors in the future continuation of the building in Queen's Road and Ice House Street. It was obviously necessary to keep the upper floors at the same level throughout the building, and when allowance was made for the correct heights in Queen's Road, it was found that an extra seven feet was added to the height of the ground floor in Des Voeux Road.

This enabled a mezzanine floor to be inserted in the present hall of the building, giving accommodation for a soda fountain-café operated by the Dairy Farm.

The ground floor, mezzanine and sixth floors are air-conditioned by the tenants, arrangements for this having been incorporated in the original plans for the building. The machinery for the air-conditioning of the ground and mezzanine floors is situated in the water-proof basement.

The Constructors

Contractors for Windsor House were:

General Contract—Sung Kee Company.

Piling—Vibro Piling Company. Sanitary and Fire Installation—Dudwell & Company.

Electrical Installation—Wm. C. Jack & Company.

Plastering—Simplex Gypsum Products, Ltd.

Water-Proofing of Basement—Reiss Bradley & Co.

Patent Roofing—"Certainteed"—Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd.

Teak Flooring—Kwong Hsin Company.

Pre-Cast Facing Slabs—Cathlamet Ceramics (H.K.), Ltd.

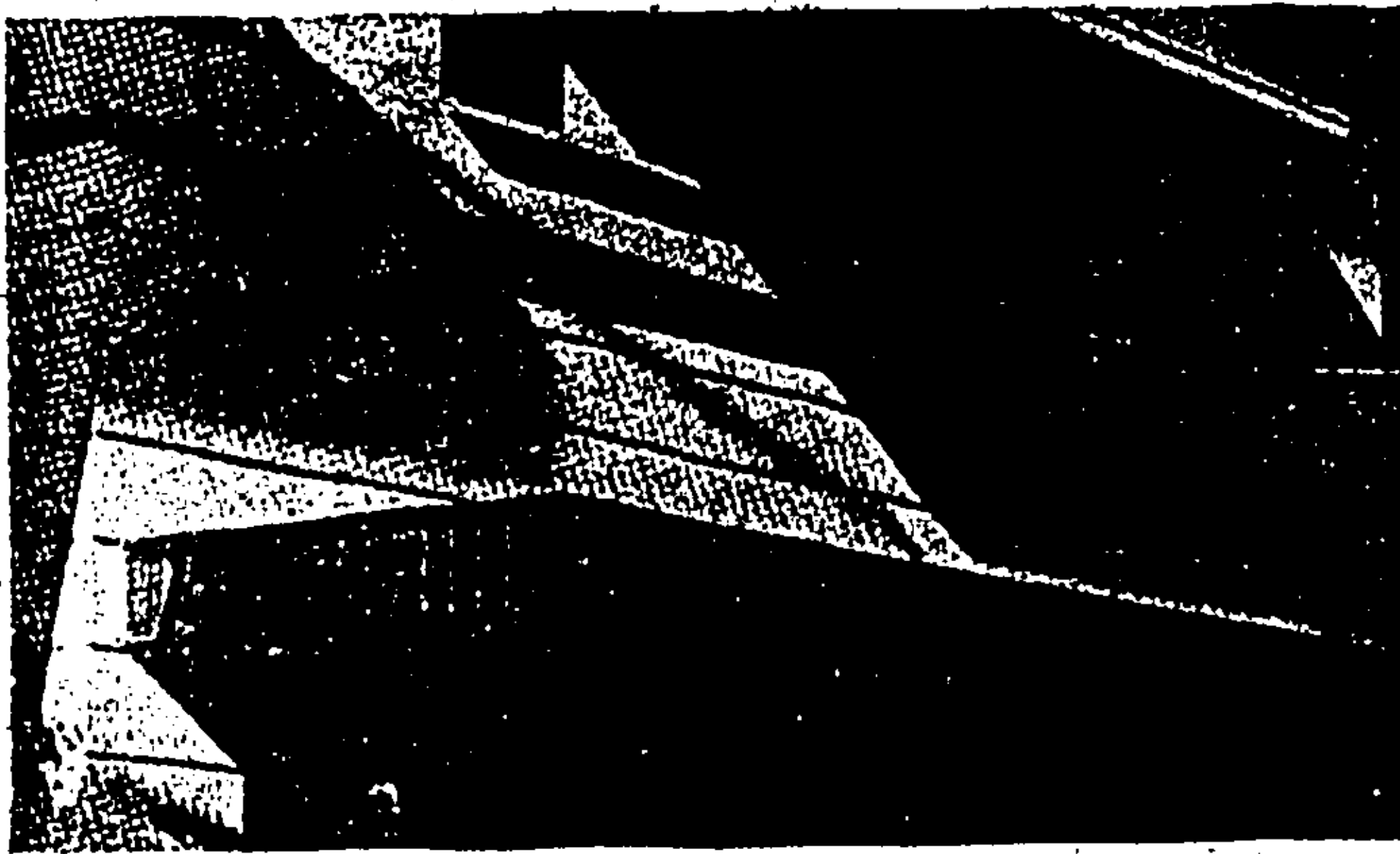
Marble and Bronze Work—F. Bigazzi.

Steel Windows—"Hope"—Jardine Engineering Corp.

Lifts—"Schindler"—Jardine Engineering Corp.

Door Furniture—"Corbin"—John D. Hutchinson.

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tally, and no other building in Hong Kong is so equipped. It is intended to afford an economy in stops and is also designed to keep messengers and coolies off the main corridor and landings while waiting for the lift.

Time alone will show the value or otherwise of this idea, but, to date anyway, the scheme appears to be operating very satisfactorily.

The main entrance hall is lined with marble, with bronze skirtings, cappings and linings to openings.

The lift lobbies were to have been lined with travertine marble with bronze trim, but owing to War interference with supplies, pre-cast terrazzo slabs have been substituted for the travertine.

Teak parquet, laid in bitumen, is used for a floor covering in all offices and corridors.

Lavatory accommodation is grouped together on the western side of the building, affording economy in pipes and drains. The lavatory blocks have mosaic tile floors and wall linings.

The flushing water supply is secured from two wells in the basement floor. Another special feature here: The wells also serve to relieve the ground water pressure on the water-proofing membrane of the basement floor.

Facing Slabs

To return to the outside of the building.

The structure is faced with pre-cast reinforced slabs two inches thick, the front face consisting of half an inch (in thickness) "Stipplecrete" coloured cement and crushed stone chips, on a backing of fine concrete reinforced with a mat of galvanised wire mesh.

Where the slabs are on concrete columns and beams they were used as shuttering when pouring concrete, with the wires from the reinforcing matting dropped round the column for reinforcement of the building. On the other hand, where the slabs are on the brick backing they were bedded in three-quarters of an inch of water-proofed cement mortar.

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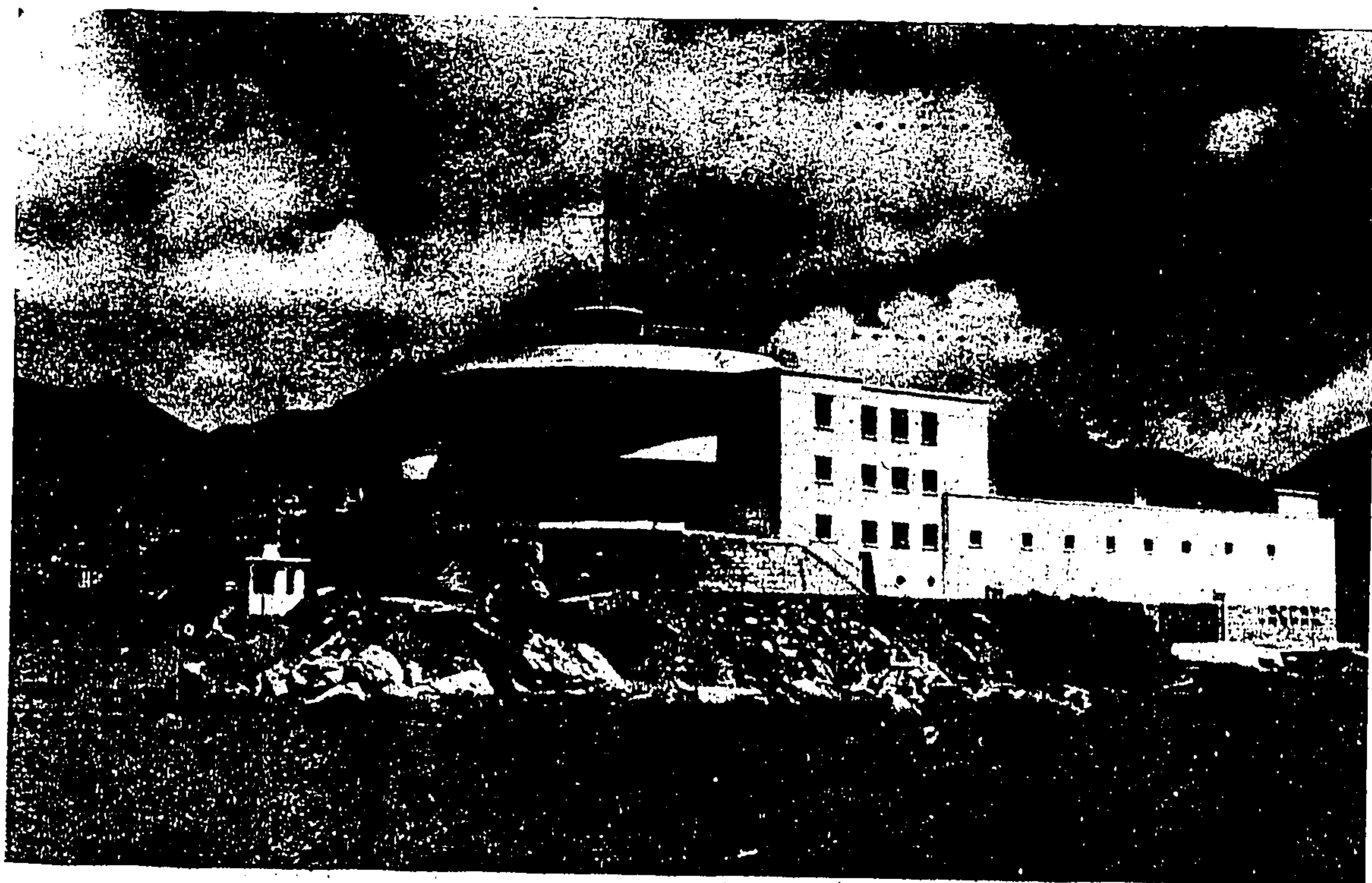
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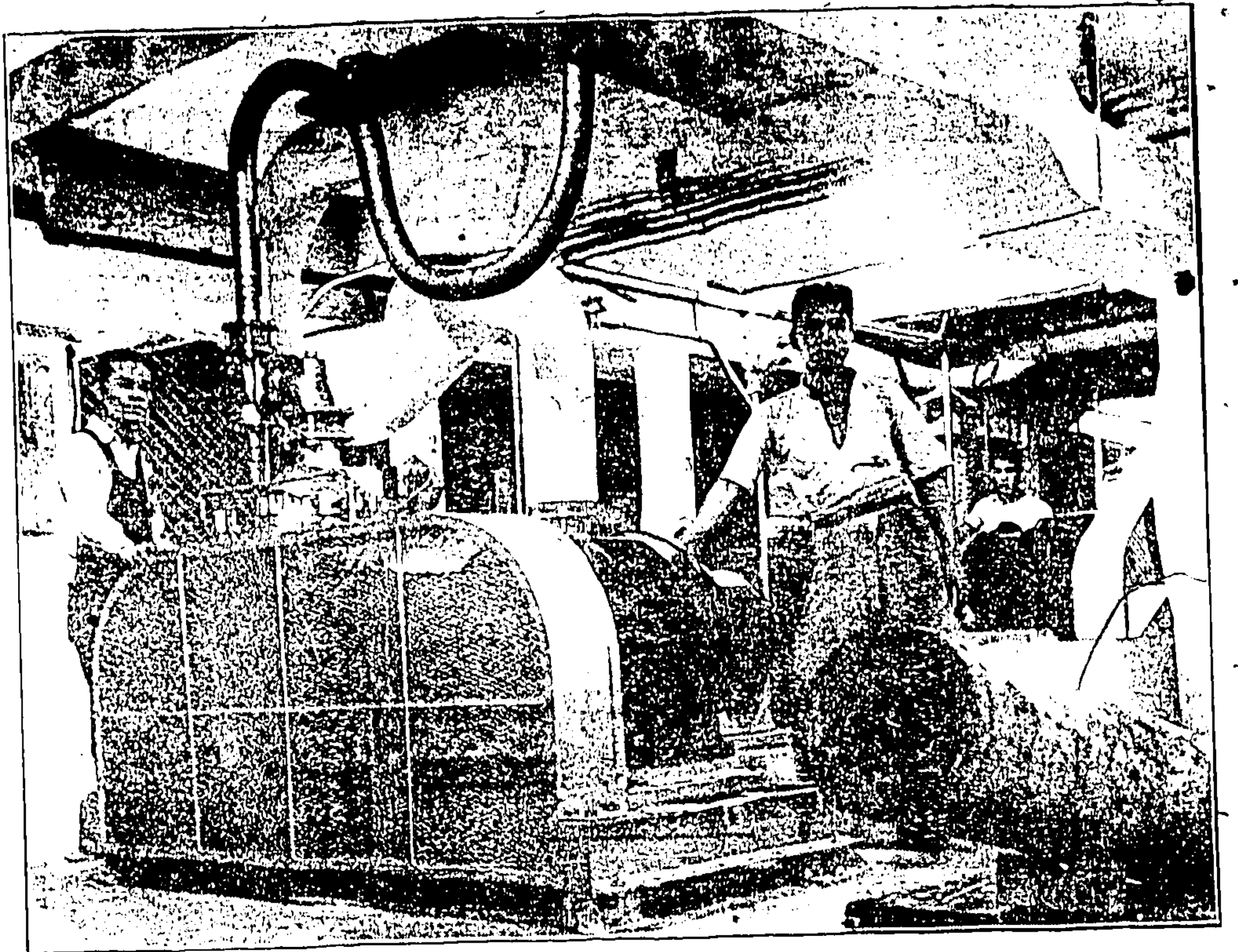
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By arrangement the flowers of the Clover Flower Shop will be displayed for sale in the store, as well as Cigarettes, Tobacco & Snokers' Requisites from Messrs. Taboquera Filipina for the convenience of the ladies. Beauty Preparations by Max Factor will also be on display from 1st May. Yet another display in the

store will be the wide range of Wines & Spirits carried by the well-known local firm of Caldwell, MacGregor & Co., Ltd.

OFF the Main Store, with entrance from the lane between Windsor House and Exchange Building, is a supplementary annex in which is a combination of departments, and it is from here that customers' messages will be served. Service from this annex will also be available for customers at times when the Main Store is closed for business. In the Basement, under the Main Store, is located the Cold Store with its necessary equipment. Here also is the plant for operating the air conditioning in the Offices, Soda Fountain and Main Store.

WE would require considerable space to describe adequately the many novel and beautiful features that have been combined to make the new Dairy Farm Soda Fountain Restaurant one of the very best reasons for regular visits to the new emporium.

It is obvious that the greatest of care and thought has been given to the minutest detail, with particular reference to the highest hygienic requirements, in designing something which is so entirely new in the realm of food and drink services for this Colony.

THIS "American Style" snack service has quickly found favour in the leading cities of the world, and its introduction here must likewise meet a popular demand.

The mere fact of being able to partake, in the form of light meals, the delicious foods so tastefully displayed and sold from the food counters in the main store, will in itself prove refreshingly welcome to even the most fastidious epicurean.

The opportunity given us of viewing the attractive menu, which includes a wine list, was final proof of the assured popularity of Hong Kong's newest and most up-to-date restaurant, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.

An added attraction will be Raymond Lau and his Hawaiian Trio, who will be in attendance on Mondays at 4.45 p.m.; Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 10.30 a.m.

THE attractive furniture and woodwork was constructed from local and Empire woods, being designed by Messrs. Leigh and Orange and manufactured by Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.

The modern and up-to-date Soda Fountain equipment, including the model Coffee-making, Sandwich and Waffle Baking Units, as well as the latest type Food Storage, Ice-cream and Bottle-Cooling Refrigerators were imported from foremost manufacturers in the United States of America.

WE were particularly impressed with the unusually pleasing design of the crockery and silverware. These fine examples of table appointments were imported from the English houses of Messrs. Josiah Wedgwood and the Elkington Company respectively.

The artistic flower display by the Clover Flower Shop and the combined beauty of the entire interior decorative scheme makes for a soothing restfulness in every sense of the word.

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New Insurance	10,340,033
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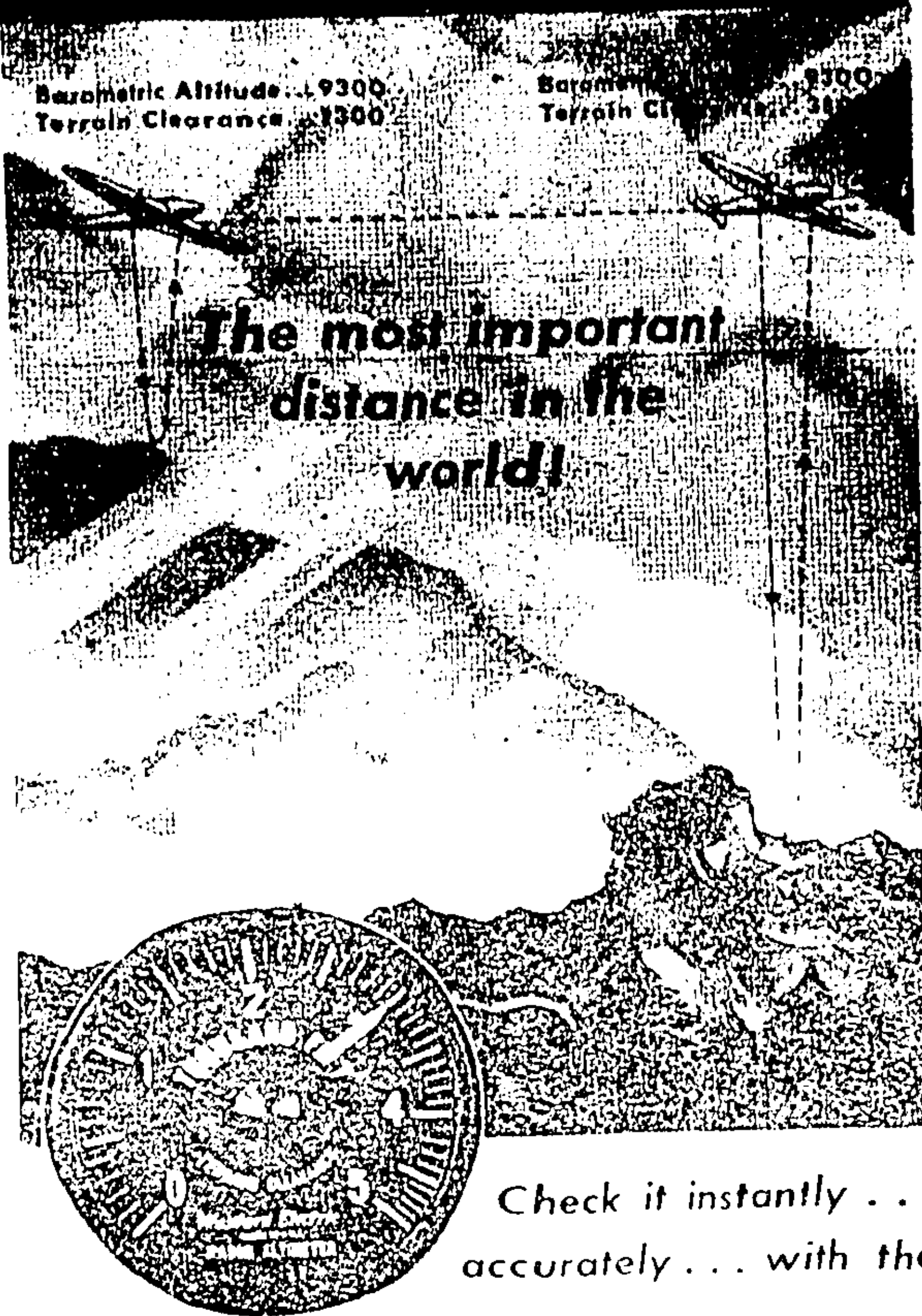
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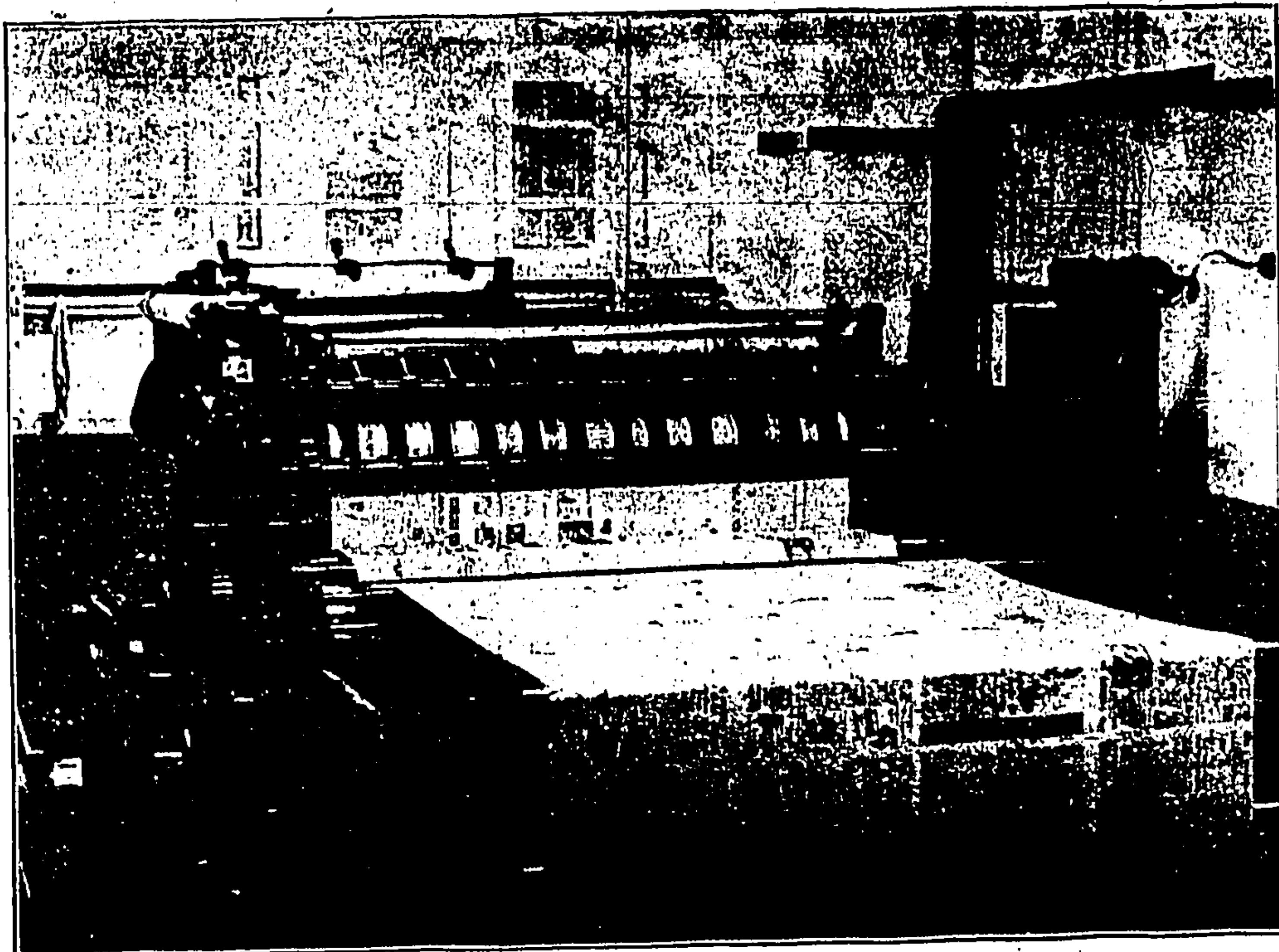
It would be false modesty were this souvenir, marking the completion, by the opening of the Dairy Farm, of the present-day Windsor House, permitted to appear without some reference to the "China Mail" and The Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.

Part of the building was designed specifically to meet the special needs of the printing plant of The Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., and we were, in fact, the first occupants of the building, the transfer from Wyndham Street taking place in July, long before the greater part of the building was completed.

The transfer itself was no small feat in organisation for it had to be effected over a week-end in such a way that the normal production of the "Sunday Herald" and the "China Mail" was not interrupted for a single edition.

The problem was not an easy one, but it was tackled energetically and it is no small tribute to Messrs. Linotype and Machinery Limited, who accepted responsibility for transfer of the machinery, that linotype machines which at 3 a.m. on Sunday were setting type for the "Sunday Herald" were, by midnight the same day, already in operation, preparing "copy" for the following day's "China Mail."

The change-over was, of course, tremendously facilitated by the fact that a new printing press, the Duplex Rotary, had already been installed in Windsor House, to come into operative use for the first time when the transfer took



The Duplex Rotary Press at the end of a day's run.

place.

The Duplex Flat-Bed Rotary Press has been specially designed for the printing of a newspaper which calculates its circulation in thousands.

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For the "China Mail" tabloid size a special device is attached

to the machine, providing a clean cut at the top of the page, and enables a complete issue of the "China Mail" to be turned out by the machine, ready immediately for the street, in a single operation.

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In this way, the paper is fed into the press at an even speed and drawn out at an even speed, stopping whilst the length of a page is being printed. The paper then travels at double the speed through the press, stopping again for another impression and so on.

Introduction of this machine permitted numerous immediate improvements to be effected in the lay-out of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald."

The "China Mail", already printed for some time as a tabloid, was enabled to increase the number of its columns from four to five and the striking advance in the general appearance which resulted was instantly appreciated, both by readers and advertisers. Column length was increased, page arrangements were changed to advantage, improvements which without the Duplex would not have been possible.

The "Sunday Herald" later went to eight columns to the page, with a column width in harmony with the "China Mail" and again the result has fully justified the experiment.

The "China Mail"

No useful purpose would be served furnishing, in a publica-



A battery of linotype machines in the printing establishment of Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.

tion of this type, a long history of the paper. It is sufficient to say, perhaps, that the history of the Press in Hong Kong is inseparably linked with the history of the "China Mail."

Three English papers actually started publication in the Colony

before the "China Mail" but it was the "China Mail" alone that survived, and it can claim continuous publication since February 20, 1845, four years after the establishment of the Colony.

From the very outset, the "China Mail" has played a vital part in the life of the community, though it has naturally been exalted and has just jogged

local editor was prosecuted, some of them going to prison. Editors were then outspoken in a manner which to-day would be deemed "vulgar and scurrilous," although as more than one historian has recorded, now that the passage of time has enabled a clearer view to be taken of the picture as a whole, there was much in the early life of this Colony that called for blunt, forthright comment and criticism.

For instance, Mr. W. H. Donald (one of the former editors of the "China Mail") wrote that the Bowring administration was "a disgrace to the British name."

The editors of the "China Mail" were several times singled out for attack, and, two years after the birth of the journal, Mr. Shortrede, its editor, was the victim of a prosecution so vexatious that even the Crown Prosecutor refused to have anything to do with it.

No Favours

For some eight years, the "China Mail" was the official organ of the Colony, exclusively publishing all Government notifications. This privilege, however, did not prevent the paper from criticising the Government as freely and as honestly as if it enjoyed no favours, and because of this the Government started its own journal in 1853, the "Government Gazette."

Offsprings of the "China Mail" are the "Overland China Mail" (containing the week's news) and the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald", which has the largest circulation of any English paper in South China.

along, according to a procession of men and circumstances.

Forthright Comment

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**Problem
Of
External
Finish**

One of the most interesting features of the construction of Windsor House, both from the viewpoint of building technique and final appearance, was the external finish chosen by the Architects.

This is of a type greatly favoured in Great Britain and introduced for the first time to the Colony by Messrs. Leigh and Orange.

The finish consists of decoratively treated pre-cast concrete slabs which result in a clean cut surface of outstanding appearance.

The slabs were pre-cast in suitable moulds, from materials supplied by the Green Island Cement Company, and allowed for 1½" ordinary 13 concrete mix and an additional ½" of facing mixture consisting of one part of colorate and 1½ parts of stone chips.

Reinforcing, chiefly specially designed 1/8th in. crimp mesh panels with wire ties attached, was used to ensure strength and to assist stability during erection.

The face-up method was used throughout and credit is due to the manufacturers, Messrs. Cathay Ceramics (H.K.) Ltd. that in spite of some 680 different shapes and sizes, all surface finishes are monolithic with the backing.

The number of such slabs in the building is approximately 14,500, covering an area of 55,000 square feet.

To produce them, 168 drums of Colorate and 770 bags of Green Island cement were used in their manufacture and erection. Some of the slabs, especially around the front entrance and the first window sills, weighed up to 700 lbs.

The slabs were erected in courses in the position they had to occupy on the face of the building, their points were grouted and close-fitting wood battens kept them braced whilst the concrete wall was being cast behind them.

It is an outstanding feature of this system when used in concrete structures, that the slabs act as formwork as well as providing a smooth, hard, durable surface, monolithic with the structural work.

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**COTTON
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The Japan Cotton Trading Company, Ltd. (Nippon Men Kwa Kabushiki Kaisha) who occupy offices on the first floor of Windsor House, first opened for business in the Colony in 1913, at No. 2, Connaught Road.

For a brief period, between 1936 and 1939, the Hong Kong branch was closed, but the Company reopened in 1939 at No. 2, Chater Road, and removed to Windsor House as soon as their new quarters were ready, in September, 1940.

The principal business done by the Company is in cotton yarn, piecegoods and other textiles, although at one time they did a large business in rice with their own mill in Rangoon.

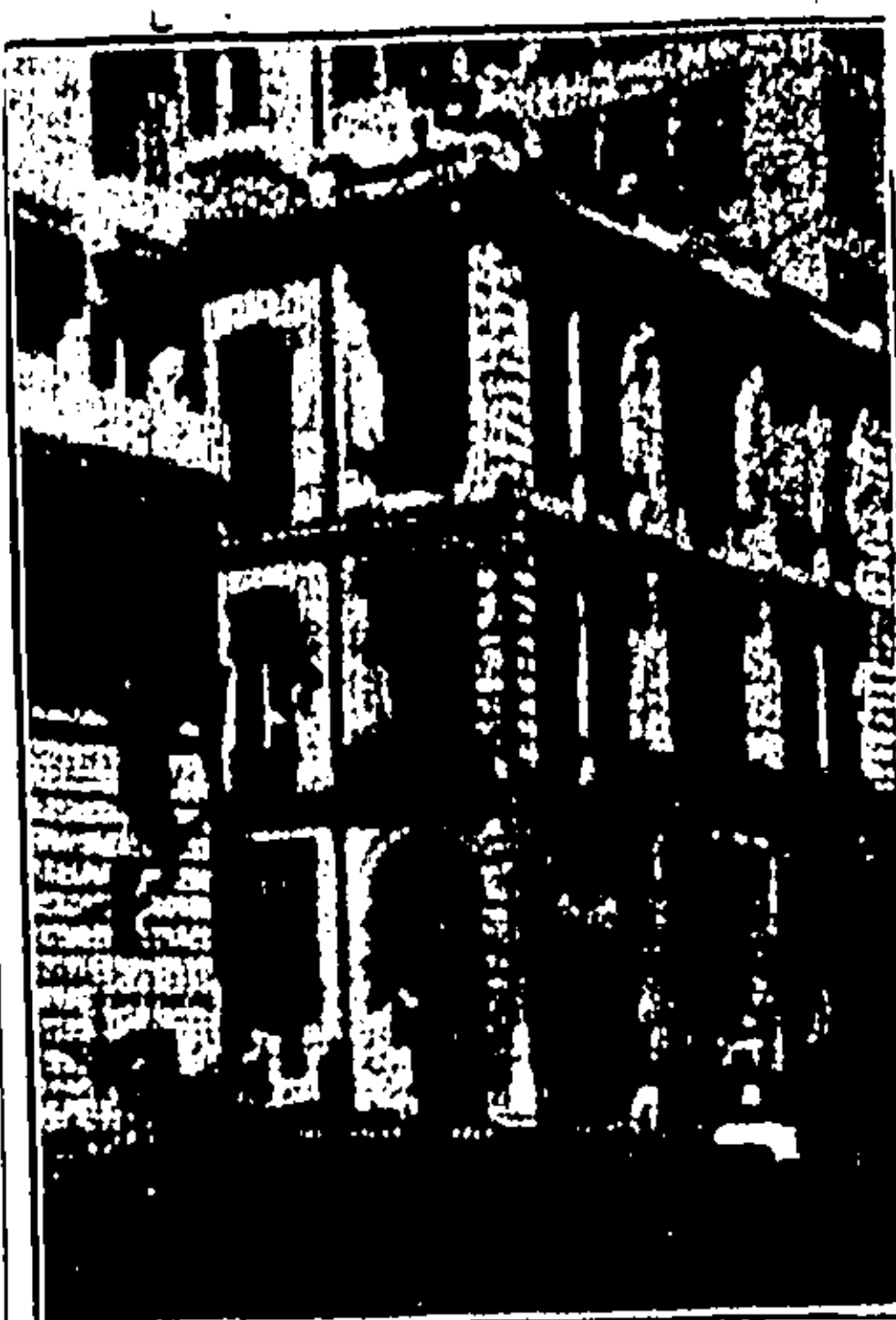
The Company has branches all over the world and deals in all kinds of sundry goods, in addition to its main business.

**Construction
Supervisor**

Mr. W. J. Morris, who supervised the construction of Windsor House for the H.K. Land Investment and Agency Company, Ltd., was also supervisor of construction of Holland House and Marina House.

He is a native of Englefield Green, Surrey, and has been with the Land Investment Company since 1925.

At the peak period during the construction of Windsor House, well over 300 employees of various contractors were working at one time.



What the building formerly on the site of Windsor House looked like. Known as the White House, its appearance compared with the new building gives an idea of the progress in the Colony since the 1880's.

**BOSCO
RADIO
ADVANCE**

One of the most enterprising of radio receiving apparatus manufacturers is the Bosco Radio Corporation, which occupies offices and a showroom on the first floor of Windsor House.

Established in 1936 with a small office in Happy Valley, the company prospered by leaps and bounds and soon became one of the foremost radio dealers in the Colony.

In 1937, they moved into Holland House and in September last year occupied their present offices in Windsor House.

Until eighteen months ago, the Bosco Radio Corporation were only selling agents for Westinghouse Radio Receiving Sets and Philco Refrigerators, but when Government imposed restrictions on the import of radio sets, which affected their business, they embarked upon the manufacture of their own radio receiving sets, and their products have already become well known in the market.

They are also manufacturers of "Inter-Department Phone" apparatus.

Their products are manufactured and assembled in their workshops on the Island and the mainland.

Their radios are made specially for Hong Kong's climatic conditions, and only the best of materials go into their products which are reasonably priced and are on view in their attractive showroom on the first floor of Windsor House.

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**Heavy
Pumping
Task**

The extent of the water problem connected with the construction of Windsor House may be gauged from the fact that over 1,500,000 gallons of water were pumped from the foundations and basement during the erection.

Three pumps with a total capacity of 3,000 gallons an hour were employed, and frequently they pumped out as much as 20,000 gallons in a day.

The task was complicated by the heavy rains of last Spring.

The floors were erected at unusually rapid pace—an average of ten days per floor—up to the truss level of the roof in a race against the rains, but before the roof could be completed the heavy rains came unexpectedly early and obstructed the early completion of the lower floors in numerous ways.

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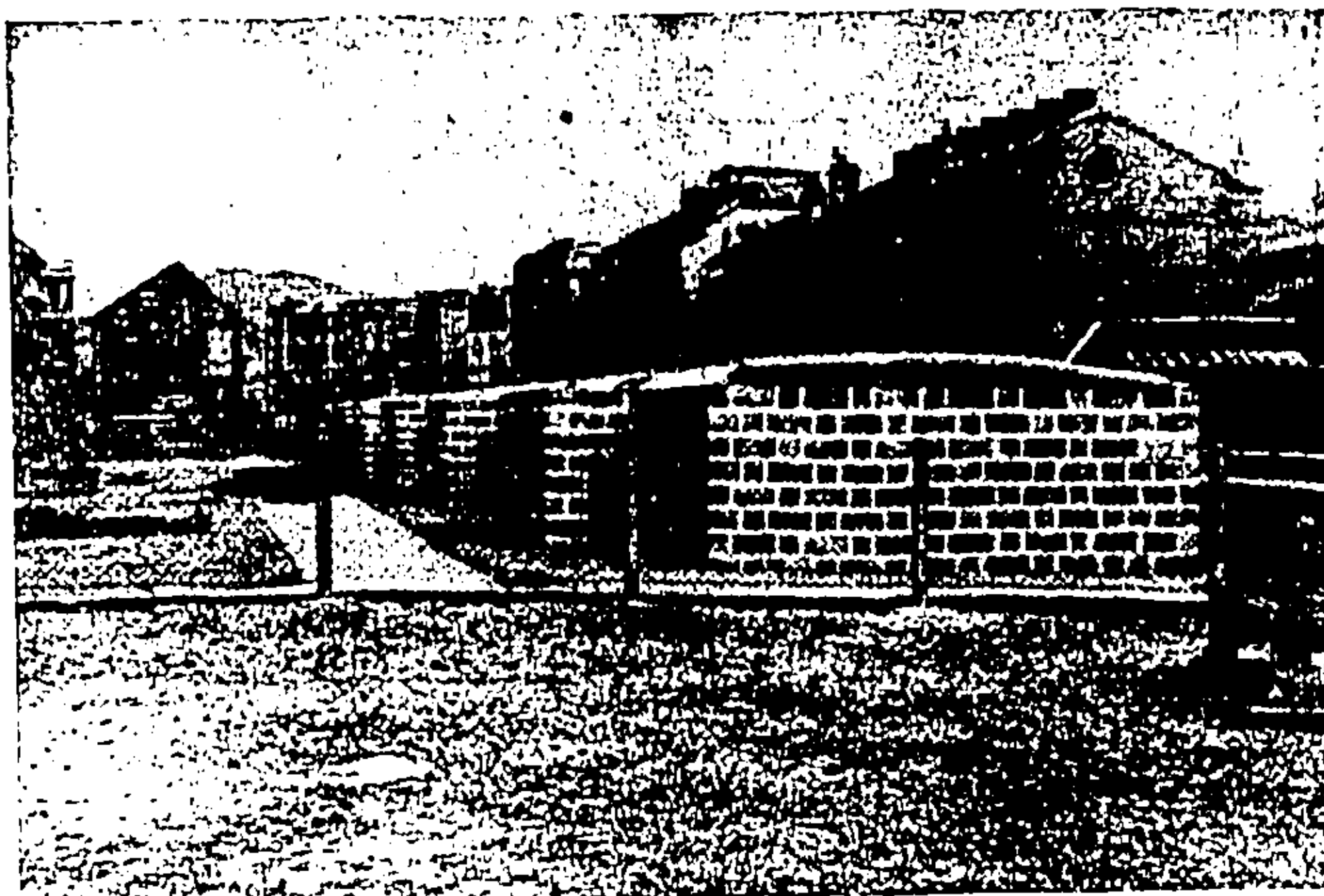
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No conspicuous neon-light sign-board indicates from where the music emanates, but ask anyone in town and the answer will be "That's the Paramount Ballroom."

Undoubtedly, the most up-to-date ballroom in South China, the Paramount Ballroom occupies most part of the top floor (the sixth) of Windsor House, and is operated by the Gray Bros. Enterprises, whose offices occupy that part of the same floor facing Des Voeux Road Central.

With seating accommodation for some 500 patrons, the Paramount Ballroom was opened on December 15 last year, and for weeks afterwards, night after night, hundreds of would-be patrons had to be turned away owing to the crowds which flocked there within an hour of opening. Even now, the Paramount Ballroom is generally packed every night, providing ample testimony to its sustained popularity.

Said to be the only one of its kind in South China, the Paramount Ballroom possesses a spring dance floor—of parquet flooring—while it is furnished with modern upholstered chairs, lounge sofas, and steel-framed glass-top tables. The walls and ceiling have been simply but suitably decorated.

Most of the work executed in the ballroom, including the spring dance floor, was done by Chinese expert craftsmen imported from Shanghai.

Towards the end of this month the place will be air-conditioned, for the installation of the system will by then be complete. Incidentally, the only other air-conditioned cabaret ballroom in the Colony is the New Majestic Ballroom, also operated by the Gray Bros. Enterprises.

The orchestra—Fred Carpio and His Orchestra—was engaged from Manila and arrived in the Colony just in time—about an hour before the Paramount Ballroom was advertised to open.

From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., or 2 a.m. every night, some 70 beautiful and charming dance hostesses are in attendance, the majority being girls from Shanghai—personally selected by "Charlie" Gray himself.

Periodically, "Charlie" visits Shanghai and there acts as his own scout for beauty and talent among the many ballrooms in that city.

At the entrance of the Paramount Ballroom, is a well-furnished and comfortable lobby where patrons may wait for friends before entering the ballroom.

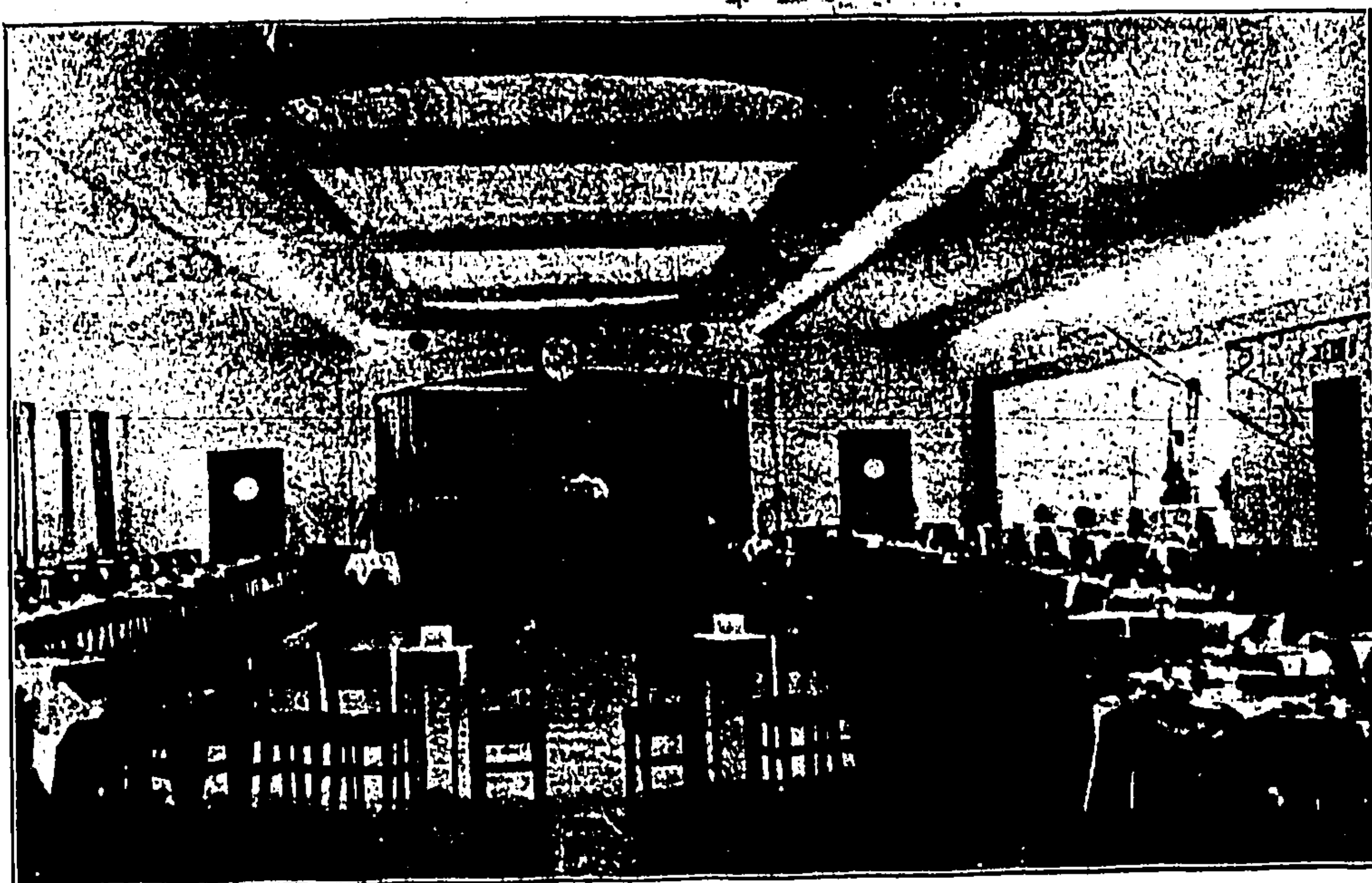
Gray Bros. Enterprises also control the New Majestic Ballroom, the China Emporium Ballroom and the Cathay Ballroom, all located in the Central District, employing a total of some 300 dance hostesses, the majority from Shanghai. The orchestra consist of expert Filipino musicians, engaged from Manila and Shanghai. At the Cathay, there is the popular Pinky Pineda and His Orchestra, at the China Emporium, the latest arrival, Eddie Guzman and His Orchestra, and at the New Majestic, Pete Valderrani and His Orchestra.

Besides the ballroom business—which they virtually monopolise in Hong Kong—Gray Bros. Enterprises also control the Gray

Bros. Construction Company which was started in 1937 and the Central Meat and Dairy Supply Company, Limited, which was opened in August last year and incorporated under the Company's Ordinances.

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The view of the interior of the most up-to-date air-conditioned cabaret in the Colony, the Paramount Ballroom, operated by the Gray Bros. Enterprises, in Windsor House.



Miss Nancy Chu, Queen of the Paramount Ballroom. Starting from the very bottom rung of the ladder, Miss Chu, with her charming personality, and graceful dancing, has become the most popular of Ballroom hostesses in the Colony.



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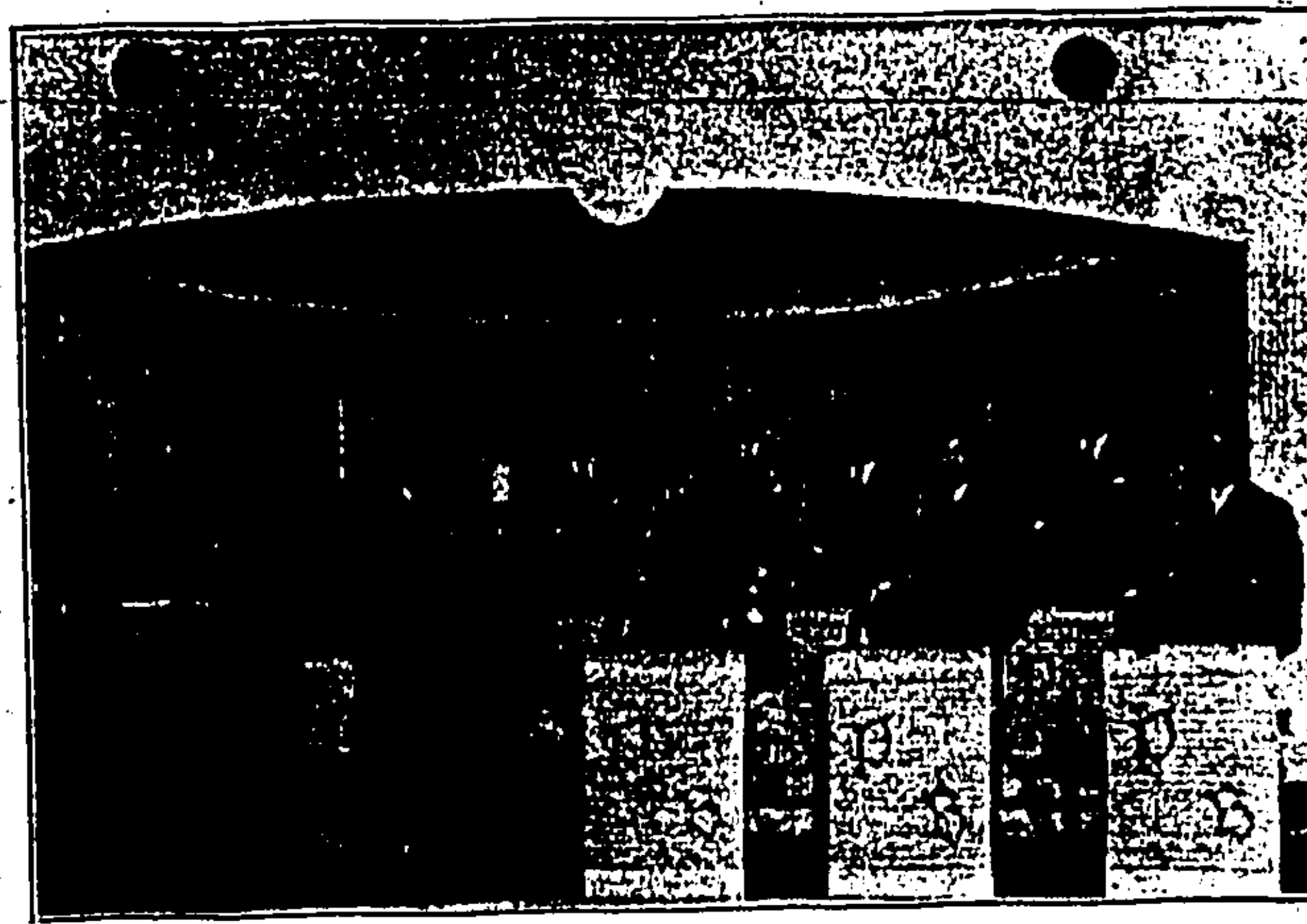
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The favourable mortality experience of recent years continued in 1940. Death claims paid totalled £284,067, dividends to policyholders amounted to £430,305.

and total payments to policyholders were £3,180,210.

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RUMANIA CRISIS THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A decisive clash between General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, and the Iron Guard appears imminent.

Two Guardists were executed on Saturday and three on Friday, while Bucharest has been flooded with leaflets urging rebellion.

General Antonescu's position is regarded in Budapest as precarious, and it is doubted if he will continue to rely on German support.

It is rumoured the Germans found documents in the Yugoslav Foreign Office in Belgrade showing General Antonescu had secretly dealt with the late Yugoslav Government.

It is understood that the Rumanian Communists had joined the Iron Guard and are aiding terrorism in order to weaken the Government. Mass arrests are under way. — International News Service.

Aussies In Grand Spirits

Mr. Fadden, Acting Australian Premier, declared in Sydney yesterday that the defence line in Greece was intact.

"The Australian troops are in excellent spirits. They have been engaged in heavy fighting and acquitted themselves with great distinction."

Mr. Fadden expressed Australians' sympathy with the Greeks in the loss of their Premier, Dr. Koritsis. — Reuter.

HORTHY GESTURE TO CROATS

Admiral Horthy, Hungarian Regent, has ordered the release of Yugoslav war prisoners of Croat nationality, according to the Budapest newspapers, says a Budapest despatch to the official German news agency.

The prisoners will be allowed to return to their homes in Croatia immediately, the message adds. — Reuter.

But Line Remains Unbroken By Vicious Nazi Attacks

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GREEK HIGH COMMAND ADMITS A GERMAN ADVANCE ON THE CRUCIAL MACEDONIAN FRONT BUT THE BATTERED ANGLO-GREEK DEFENCE LINE, THOUGH WITHDRAWN AND SHORTENED, IS STILL HOLDING FIRM IN THE FACE OF CYCLONIC NAZI ASSAULTS.

A Greek communique acknowledges "a push by German forces southward" in the Olympus region after heroic Greek and Anzac troops had beaten off massed German tank and infantry units into bloody retreat with fierce counter-attacks in two key sectors.

Without revealing the extent of the German advance through Macedonia, nor saying whether the vital railway cities of Larissa, Kalabaka or Trikkala are threatened, the Greek High Command cryptically referred to fighting on the Olympus front in these words: "Regarding operations in Macedonia the German forces have made a push southward." — International News Service.

Masses Of Troops

Mount Olympus has been evacuated by the British, according to well-informed quarters in Cairo last night, who added the operation was part of the retirement to a shorter line which is proceeding according to plan.

The situation in the Balkans is still regarded in Cairo as serious. MOUNT OLYMPUS, WHICH IS ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE ALLIED LINE, WAS EVACUATED BY THE BRITISH TROOPS BEFORE THE NAZIS TOOK IT.

The British retirement to a shorter line is being carried out according to plan under heavy air and mechanised action. Despite their terrific casualties, the Germans continue to hurl masses of troops into the battle. — Reuter.

Line Unbroken

The Allied line in Greece remains unbroken, and a Greek Press Ministry bulletin broadcast from Athens says that while the Allied line has been modified at some points on the defenders' own initiative, the line continues firm.

The bulletin adds that the Germans are persistently attacking fiercely along the whole Greek and British fronts but "all their violent efforts to force a final and immediate decision have failed."

The bulletin continues: "The Germans are bringing up more and more reinforcements of mechanised units, infantry and aircraft, but despite all these efforts the British and Greeks

BULGARIA GRABS

While Going Is Good

Bulgaria has been granted temporary new frontiers in the Macedonia, Thrace and Moravia regions of Yugoslavia, according to the German radio quoted by Reuter.

Bulgarian troops will continue to advance in western Thrace so as to occupy territory limited in the east by a line leading from the Pagaritan frontier town of Servegrade, southward to Bdeghach, on the Aegean Sea.

In Macedonia, the Bulgarians will proceed as far west as the River Vardar, and to the south as far as the former Greek frontier.

In the north-west the advance will be to the River Morava.

The Germans emphasise that these lines are not to be regarded as definite frontiers. — Reuter.

VIRGINIO GAYDA YELLS DEFIANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "Giornale d'Italia" in Rome declares Italy will bomb Athens if it is militarily necessary, regardless of British "threats." — International News Service.

Australians and New Zealanders are weaving new legends about Mount Olympus. — Reuter.

SPAIN GETTING FEVERISH

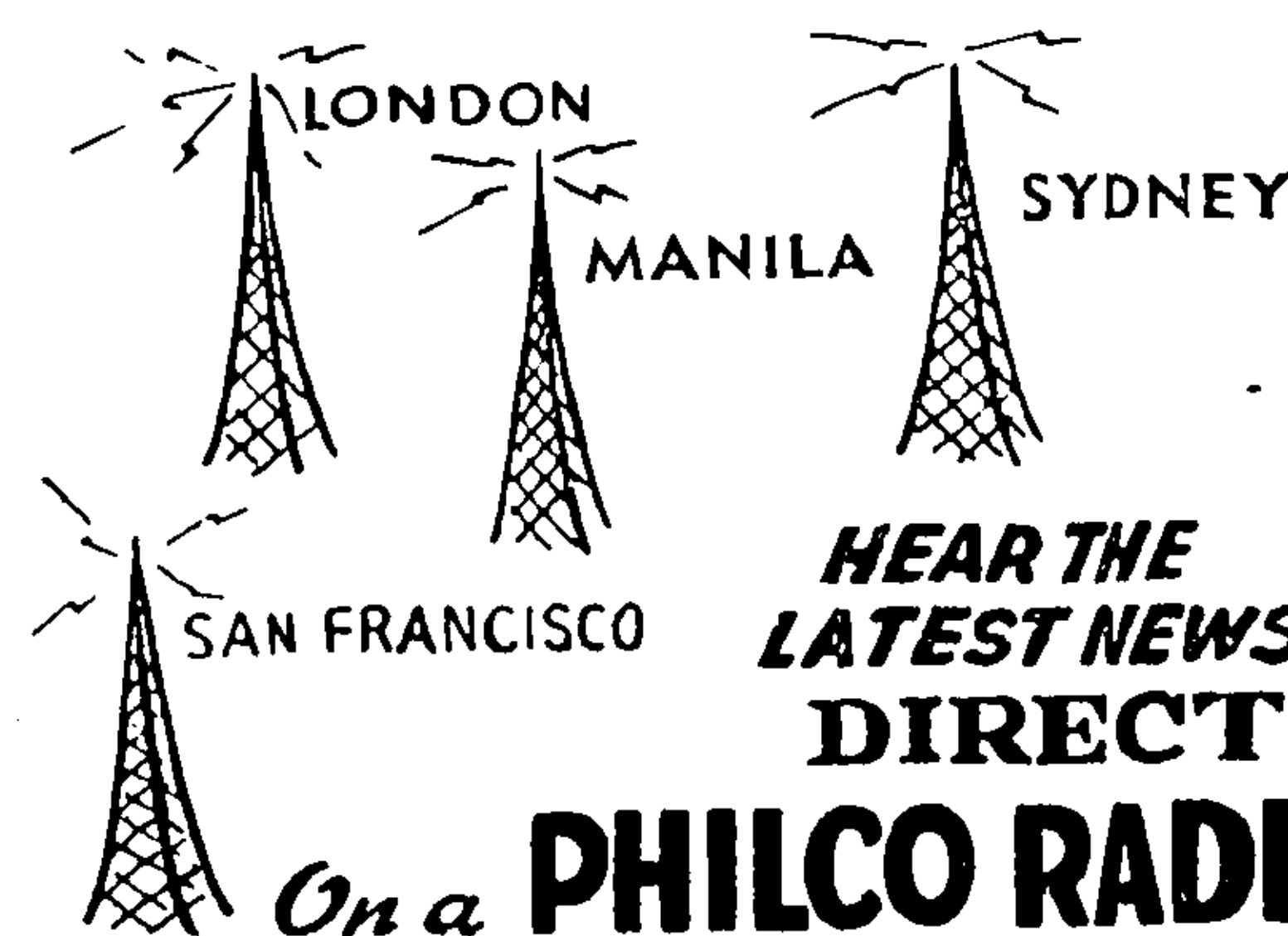
"Senor Suner (the Foreign Minister) made a statement on various aspects of the international situation relating to important military and diplomatic happenings of the present moment."

SO DECLARED AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER A TWO-DAY MEETING OF THE SPANISH CABINET ENDING ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Phalangist (Fascist) newspaper "Arriba" follows this up with an article somewhat reminiscent of others printed at times when Spain has faced political decisions.

"Arguments alien to the only foreign policy to which our destiny ties us cannot be considered," states the newspaper.

It adds that foreign affairs must be viewed in unity, and those who think otherwise are traitors and cowards. — Reuter.



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BATTLE OF ATLANTIC RAGES ON

Two Of Germany's Three Ace U-Boat Captains End Their Career; First Lord's Revelations

Review Of Naval Situation

GERMANY HAS NOW LOST TWO OF HER THREE BEST U-BOAT ACES. THIS NEWS WAS GIVEN BY MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, SPEAKING OF SUCCESSES IN THE "UPS AND DOWNS" OF THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC AT TOTENHAM YESTERDAY.

Schepke, ace captain of U100, Mr. Alexander said, was dead. His submarine had gone to join U99, captained by another ace, Otto Kretschmer, who is now a prisoner.

Both captains had been declared by Hitler to be "aces" because of their record of successes in the U-boat service, which Germany has based on the "wolf of the Atlantic" policy.

Only three U-boat captains held this decoration.

Both Schepke and Kretschmer had addressed meetings for recruits for U-boat service, and Mr. Alexander added, "I don't think this sort of news will encourage them much."

Wolf Of Atlantic

Kretschmer was known and idolised in Germany as the "wolf of the Atlantic." He had the highest record of destruction of any U-boat captain.

MR. ALEXANDER STATED THAT NEARLY 2,500,000 TONS OF ENEMY SHIPS HAD BEEN CAPTURED, DESTROYED OR FORCED TO SCUTTLE.

The burden of the Battle of the Atlantic was both grievous and heavy but never for a moment, day or night, was there any slackening in the prosecution of the fight.

Ups And Downs

"This battle has its ups and downs but I assure you that neither U-boats nor German long-range aircraft have it all their own way," he said.

"We continue to take toll of both and as the strength of the cooperation of the Navy with the Coastal Command increases and the number of escorting destroyers and corvettes expands, that toll of the enemy will increase until the Battle of the Atlantic is won."

The First Lord said we had got to continue fighting, labouring and struggling to get back to something like the escort position we had in the last war, when we worked not only as a single fleet but had five powerful Allied fleets and five times the present number of destroyers.

"THE AMAZING THING IS THAT THE NAVY HAS KEPT THE LIFELINE OPEN," MR. ALEXANDER SAID.

At The Bottom

He continued: "We published the other day that we had many hundred U-boat prisoners but many more of the U-boat personnel lie at the bottom of the ocean."

"I can assure you that reports to the Admiralty of our anti-submarine captains are nearly always on the conservative side."

Speaking of the 10 Coastguard cutters America sent to Britain, the First Lord said "Believe me, they are some ships. Most are little, but bigger than a destroyer."

"They were built to stop the ships of bootleggers and I think will be even more usefully employed in protecting our con-

voys and hunting German pirates.

Libya Episode

"I see that to day the Navy is criticised for not having prevented Italian and German reinforcements reaching Libya. But remember that the decision having been taken to support Greece which surely in honour we were bound to do, we had to perform the great task of transporting very large numbers of troops and equipment, which was safely done, thanks to the Royal Navy."

"We had at the same time to maintain supplies to our garrisons in Libya."

"IN SPITE OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS, WE HAVE DESTROYED ITALIAN TRANSPORTS RUNNING INTO A TONNAGE OF SIX FIGURES."

"I do not think Government has any need to apologise for its decision to go to the aid of Greece, or the Navy to apologise for its work."

R.A.F. Hitting Hard

R.A.F. bomber pilots, he said, were striking back and striking hard, and it was evident from complaints over the German radio after the raids on Berlin, Kiel and Bremen that the Germans did not like it.

Mr. Alexander concluded: "We must go on with that until we win." — Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS AT TOBRUK

Indian mechanised troops are among the British forces defending Tobruk, well-informed circles in Cairo revealed yesterday.

The Indians have been taking part in the fighting in the Western Desert and have been in action in the west, around Gebel and Akhdar.

There was no indication yesterday of any change in the situation of the Axis forces in Libya.

In Abyssinia, the Imperial forces have practically reached the outskirts of Dessie, one of the last remaining Italian strongholds in the country.

Operations in Abyssinia are bound to slow down somewhat because of the task of mopping up various Italian columns, it was pointed out in Cairo.—Reuter.



The Prime Minister recently witnessed a tank demonstration in which he was shown the capabilities of various armoured fighting vehicles over rough country. The Prime Minister is seen inspecting a Boleros gun.

"HEIL HITLER" -- AFTER MUSSOLINI!

Rome radio, broadcasting birthday greetings to Hitler yesterday, declared "Hitler is no doubt one of the greatest men in history but fate decided he should only reveal himself after Mussolini had been acknowledged everywhere as the greatest statesman in the world." — Reuter.

APPEAL TO DOCTORS IN AMERICA

President Roosevelt last night urged American doctors to volunteer to serve in the military and civilian hospitals of "our British friends," in a statement issued from his Hyde Park (N.Y.) home.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THE BRITISH RED CROSS HAD APPEALED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, FOR 1,000 YOUNG AMERICAN DOCTORS TO HELP MEET THE "ACUTE SHORTAGE" OF DOCTORS IN BRITISH HOSPITALS.

"As President of the American Red Cross," he said, "I heartily approve this request."

He explained that volunteers would be enrolled in the British Red Cross and would be protected by the Red Cross Treaty of Geneva.

"Young doctors, whom Britain so desperately needs, can do much to heal wounds inflicted on civilians and military alike in this cruel war," the President added.—Reuter.

Kisses From Soldiers In Court

AS POLICE AND MAGISTRATES looked on, three Army sergeants dashed across the floor of a Sussex police court, picked up in their arms an attractive brunette aged about thirty, and carried her in triumph to the court hall.

There she was surrounded by soldiers who kissed and hugged her as their comrades cheered. Laughing happily, though her make-up was ruined by scores of kisses, the woman left for home with her husband. He had been pushed aside by their soldier friends in the rush to congratulate his wife.

She was Mrs. Hilda Ann Hungerford, manageress of a N.A.A.F.I. canteen, just acquitted by Lewes magistrates on charges of making a statement, liable to cause alarm and despondency, and of "exhorting soldiers to lay down their arms when the Germans came."

"Cheers and stamping of feet followed the magistrates' decision to dismiss the charges."

Mrs. Hungerford denied ever having said: "We would be much better off under Nazi rule. The English soldiers are no good, they will never win."

According to the evidence, the trouble arose out of a battalion order on January 24 that no solid food was to be sold in the canteen until 5.30 p.m.

She had to tell the soldiers they could not have chocolate and cakes in the morning.

There was a "bit of a commotion," some were annoyed—they thought the chocolate and cakes were being saved for other soldiers.

Good To Them

Major T. H. Carter, defending, said the eight soldier witnesses for the prosecution belonged to one regiment, while the fifteen soldiers for the defence were from another regiment.

He submitted that some of the men "had their knife in the manageress" because they thought she favoured the other unit.

"I do not know why some of the soldiers should have done this to me, because I have been so good to them all," said Mrs. Hungerford.

Corporal Basil Wyles said the men grumbled when told they could not have cakes and chocolates. Asked if there was a lot of bad language he replied: "I suppose they used one or two words we always use in the Army, but I didn't taken any notice because we knew them so much."

The chairman, Mr. J. I. Blencowe, said the Bench considered Mrs. Hungerford had no serious intention of contravening regulations, but did make some foolish remark.

SOVIET'S POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Commenting on foreign press interpretations of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Treaty, the Moscow newspaper "Pravda" declares:—

"Apparently certain circles in London and Washington counted on a worsening of Russo-German relations, no less than they counted on a worsening of Russo-Japanese relations."

"Pravda" denied that the new Pact is directed against Germany or was signed under German pressure.—International News Service.

Luftwaffe Spreads Death Through Home Counties

WIDE PATH OF BLITZ ATTACK ON SATURDAY

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

REPORTS FILTERING THROUGH FROM DAZED VILLAGES AND SMALL TOWNS IN EAST ANGLIA AND THE HOME COUNTIES, AND FROM THE THAMES ESTUARY DISTRICTS, CONFIRMED A WIDER PATH OF THE GERMAN AIR BLITZ ON LONDON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD ON SATURDAY NIGHT EVEN THAN ON WEDNESDAY, WHEN MANY OUTER SUBURBS, INCLUDING THE SOUTH-EAST, SUFFERED AS HEAVILY AS THE METROPOLIS.

According to the German High Command this was another reprisal raid for the R.A.F. attack on Berlin, but from the communique, in which the raid was given pride of place, large fires claimed in the Thames Bend, Millwall dock and Greenwich, appear to have given the Nazis most satisfaction.

FOUR FEET MICKEY'S RESOURCE

Among many press reports of courage and coolness on the part of London's civil population in Saturday night's and Wednesday night's indiscriminate raids on the capital is one describing how a 16-year-old messenger boy, Michael O'Connor, four feet high, helped not only in the carrying of messages at the height of the blitz but also in fighting fires and in casualty clearance.

In the words of the post warden, "Mickey" could not do enough. Seven times he walked from a fire round to the local fire station with messages. He also helped fight a fire at a church which was saved from serious damage.

He also assisted a casualty to a first aid post and carried out other duties throughout the raid.

This was O'Connor's second baptism of fire for he had previously carried out invaluable work on Wednesday night.

A study of reports from centres throughout London show that London civilians of either sex and any age are cooperating in the fullest degree in the work of defeating the savage attacks on London's morale—attacks which, it should have become clear last autumn to the heads of the Luftwaffe, were doomed to failure.—British Wireless.

RIOTING PERSISTS AT AHMEDABAD

One was killed and four wounded when police opened fire for the second time on a rioting mob in Ahmedabad.

More than 400 have been taken into custody.

Latest casualties in the communal rioting, which broke out on Friday, are 50 killed and 304 wounded.—Reuter.

The Air Ministry in London stated yesterday that the attacks on London were heavy and caused much damage, and casualties are expected to be "fairly high."

IT ADDS THAT BOMBS WERE DROPPED OUTSIDE LONDON IN THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES AND DID DAMAGE AT SEVERAL POINTS.

Casualties, on the whole, however, were not heavy, it was stated.

There was some enemy air activity during daylight yesterday over the coasts of Kent and north-east Scotland.

Bombs were dropped by single aircraft at two points in north-east Scotland, causing a few casualties, states an Air Ministry communique. Reuter.

RAID ON MALTA

A small formation of Italian Savoia bombers escorted by Italian Fiat biplane fighters and Messerschmidts flew over Malta yesterday morning.

Bombs were dropped in the sea and the A.A. defences were heavily engaged.

British fighters shot down three Fiat fighters into the sea and damaged a fourth, which is unlikely to have reached its destination, states an official communique.

All the British fighters landed unscathed and there were no casualties.—Reuter.

£489,000 FROM MEDWAY TOWNS

When Medway towns War Weapons Week opened at Chatham it was announced that £489,000 had already been promised.

The contributions range from £100,000, which will be invested by a big firm, to 30s., a gift by a 13-year-old Rochester boy, Alec Lelley, which he raised by the sale of model warships he made.

Two of these model ships were presented by the Mayor of Rochester to Sir Neville Henderson, who opened the Week.

TAI-O CRIME

A headless corpse of a man was found on a hillside at Tai-O on Saturday morning by villagers.

New Greek Cabinet

Composition of the new Greek Cabinet presided over by King George of the Hellenes was announced last night, states Athens radio.

Deputy Prime Minister is Vice-Admiral Alexander Sakellarios, Chief of Naval Staff. He will also be Minister for Navy.

Other Ministers are: War General Panagiotis, Air General Nicolaides, Communications and Railway General Korzas.

Foreign Affairs Finance and National Economy Emanuel Tsirides.

Public Welfare and Press, M. Nikomandros.

Agriculture and Labour, M. Demetriades.

Interior and Public Security, M. Maniakes.

Education and Justice, M. E. Seleni.

Under-Secretary of State for Shipping, M. S. Theophanides.

The new Government took the oath at 4.15 yesterday afternoon and held its first meeting immediately afterwards. Reuter.

AIR BATTLES IN GREECE

Operations in Greece last Friday, in which 10 German aircraft were destroyed and many others seriously damaged, are described by the Air Ministry news service.

Fighter pilots of the R.A.F. sought out and destroyed enemy aircraft in a number of offensive patrols.

One Hurricane squadron ran into 10 JU87's escorted by a large formation of ME109's. Against odds something like four to one the British fighters went into battle.

When, bullet-scarred but still at full strength, the squadron returned to base a young pilot officer gave a brief description of his part in the encounter.

"We arrived over the Pharsala area to find a lot of German fighters escorting JU87's which were dive-bombing an army convoy."

Set On Fire

One seemed intent on his dive but when I got on his tail he altered his mind and tried to slip away. My first burst set him on fire.

The German air gunner opened fire on me then but I got in another burst. After that the bomber dived straight to earth and crashed on the hillside.

Next instant I caught sight of another JU87 and got underneath it and fired into the radiator. My second burst from astern sent the bomber nose-down and there was black smoke pouring from the engine.—British Wireless.

WAR SAVINGS

A total of £11,009,839 was raised in war savings in Britain last week, making a grand total of £712,038,055.—British Wireless.

VIGOROUS DRIVE AGAINST ENEMY SHIPPING

THE AIR MINISTRY news service gives further details of daylight attacks on enemy shipping.

It says: "On Saturday daylight attacks on enemy shipping were made in the course of a wide and persistent attack off the Dutch and French coasts."

The ships were mostly proceed in small convoys, often guarded by naval escort vessels, and Messerschmidt 109's.

In addition to dropping their bombs Bessheim aircraft of the Bomber Command also used machine guns and in one instance raked the decks of every ship in the small convoy.

A 5,000 tons supply ship was attacked in the morning by an aircraft which dropped bombs from between 160 and 50 feet. Five direct hits were counted and the ship was set on fire. When last seen it was going down by the stern.

A 7,000 tons supply ship was attacked in the afternoon. It was guarded by destroyers which put up a great deal of heavy A.A. fire.

Direct Hits

The attack was very sudden and our aircraft immediately got two direct hits from 50 feet. The ship heeled over to port at an angle of 35 degrees and claimed a total loss.

Other ships were attacked with bombs and machine gun fire but the weather prevented accurate observation of results. In a number of inconclusive encounters with escorting Messerschmidt 109's at least one enemy fighter was damaged. British Wireless.

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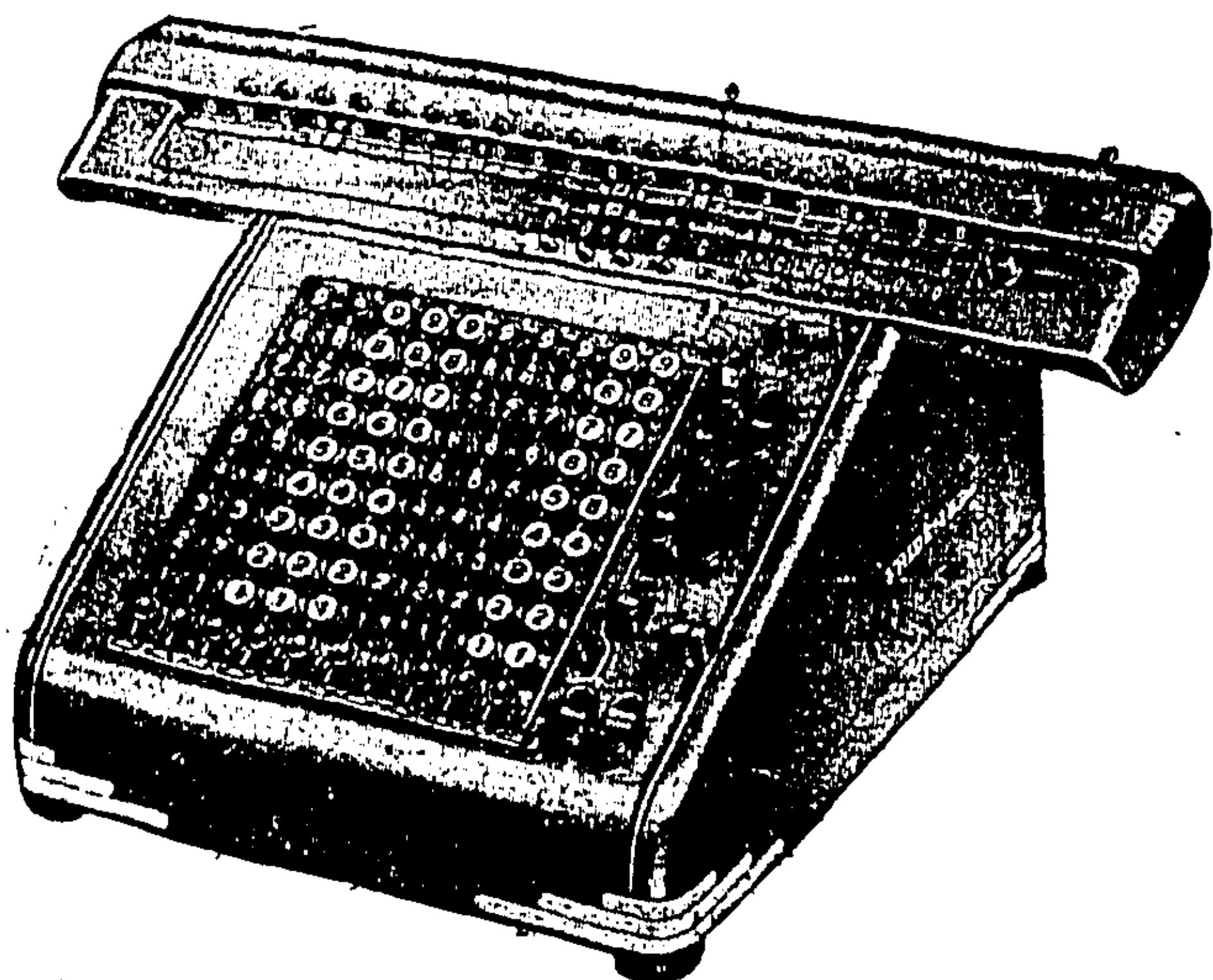
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"REMAIN UNITED and steadfast and carry on the fight for the country's honour and independence; we must defend the nation to the very end."

This call to the Greek people was made yesterday by King George of the Hellenes in a proclamation broadcast by Athens radio last night.

The proclamation reads: "Hellenes: after the untoward death of Alexander Kosis, who gave all his strength to the great struggle which has been imposed on the nation by two powerful empires, and in view of the critical moments through which the country is now passing, we have decided ourselves personally to direct the business of the Cabinet for the time being.

"A new Government has been formed and sworn in, and we appeal to the Greek people, to all who are fighting at the front as well as to all who are contributing to our war effort behind the lines, to remain united and steadfast and carry on the fight for the country's honour and independence. "We must defend the nation to the very end.

Duty Of History

"This duty is imposed on us not only by the high traditions of our history and the reverence due to our brave dead but also by the fact that in guarding the rights we have acquired by our victories and sacrifices we shall fully secure our national rights in the hour of final victory.

"WE THEREFORE CALL UPON YOU, HELLENES, TO STAND CALM AND DETERMINED, UNITED AND DISCIPLINED, AT OUR SIDE IN UNFLINCHING PERFORMANCE OF OUR SUPREME DUTY TO THE COUNTRY.

"May God save Greece." Reuter

10,500 FORMS BEFORE SHIP COULD SAIL

Shippers are getting writer's cramp—filling in the thousands of forms for the Customs officials before their vessels can leave port.

One ship in a north-east port had to submit 10,500 forms—three for each item of cargo—to satisfy the red tape demands who are cramping the export drive.

The same thing is happening all over the country. In spite of vast staffs employed by both shippers and the Customs to deal with the filling and checking of forms which every departure from port involves, ships are being held up for days.

And it is all unnecessary. "For every ship that goes out, a complete inventory of cargo must be submitted to the Shipping Licensing Board in London before a licence is granted," the "Daily Mirror" was told by Sir Arthur Suherland, well-known Tyneside shipowner.

"This makes the thousands of Customs forms totally redundant

"The young men employed to deal with these masses of forms could be better occupied on munitions or in the Army."

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MEETING IN LISBON

DR WELLINGTON KOO, CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO VICHY AND AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO LONDON, IS ON THE WAY TO LISBON TO MEET MR. QUO TAI-CHI, THE NEW CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO IS TO RETURN TO CHUNGKING FROM LONDON BY WAY OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi has been for the past nine years Ambassador to Britain.

After conferring with Mr. Quo, Dr. Koo will probably visit London Reuter

In the report yesterday of the funeral of the late Miss Margaret Russell, the name of Miss Pat French, who attended as one of the chief mourners, was inadvertently omitted.

HAILE SELASSIE SOON TO RETURN TO CAPITAL

Arrangements for the return of the Emperor of Abyssinia to his capital in Addis Ababa are progressing with all speed, Reuter was informed in London yesterday.

Emperor Haile Selassie was last reported to be heading his army in the Debra-Marcos area, some 110 miles north-west of Addis Ababa. — Reuter.

REVENUE FORGERIES?

At the request of Revenue Officer Ahern, two men and a woman were remanded for a week by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon on Saturday, when they were charged with possession of dyes and a block intended for the production of a mark resembling that used by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports in connection with Government prepared opium.

Accused were Lam Yuk, 22, Kwan Wah, 18, both unemployed, and Lam Yun, 57, widow.

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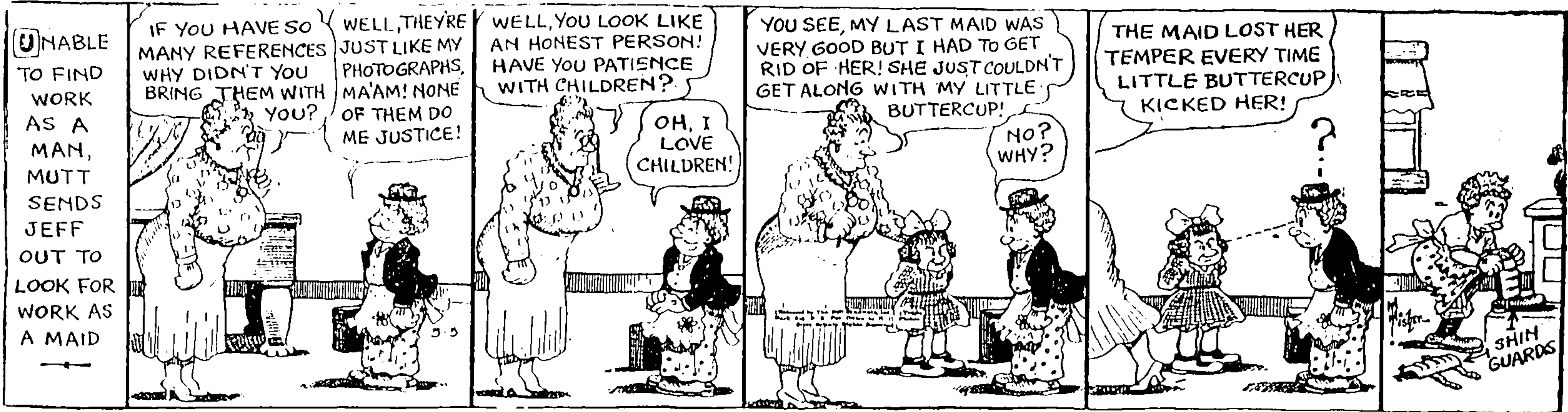
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ITALIAN WEAPONS SHOOTING GERMANS

It is now revealed that the magnificent resistance put up by the Greek forces has to some extent been possible owing to the transfer for use in Greece of a considerable quantity of immense stores of arms, ammunition and equipment captured from the Italians in General Wavell's victorious sweep in North Africa, when enemy forces numbering 180,000 men were put out of action.

The equipment has also probably been put to good use by patriot forces in Abyssinia.

The rapid liquidation of the East African campaign could not have been achieved so expeditiously but for the fact that Libya had already been swept clear of enemy forces, and in its turn the reduction of Italian resistance in East Africa has made it possible for President Roosevelt to declare that the Red Sea was outside the combat zone forbidden to American shipping.

Further general consideration, of which the full significance is only now being realised, is that General Wavell's Libyan successes made it necessary for the Germans to support their tottering ally in North Africa and has resulted in a further dispersal of the German forces - a process the cumulative effects of which will become important. British Wireless.

YUGOSLAV DEFEAT

It is noted in London that the German High Command communiqué states that the "Serbian armed forces" capitulated on the evening of April 17 and adds "fighting will cease at noon on the 18th."

Resistance under unified military control had ceased some days ago in Yugoslavia and the capitulation of various bodies of troops which had continued to fight on their own may well have followed.—British Wireless.

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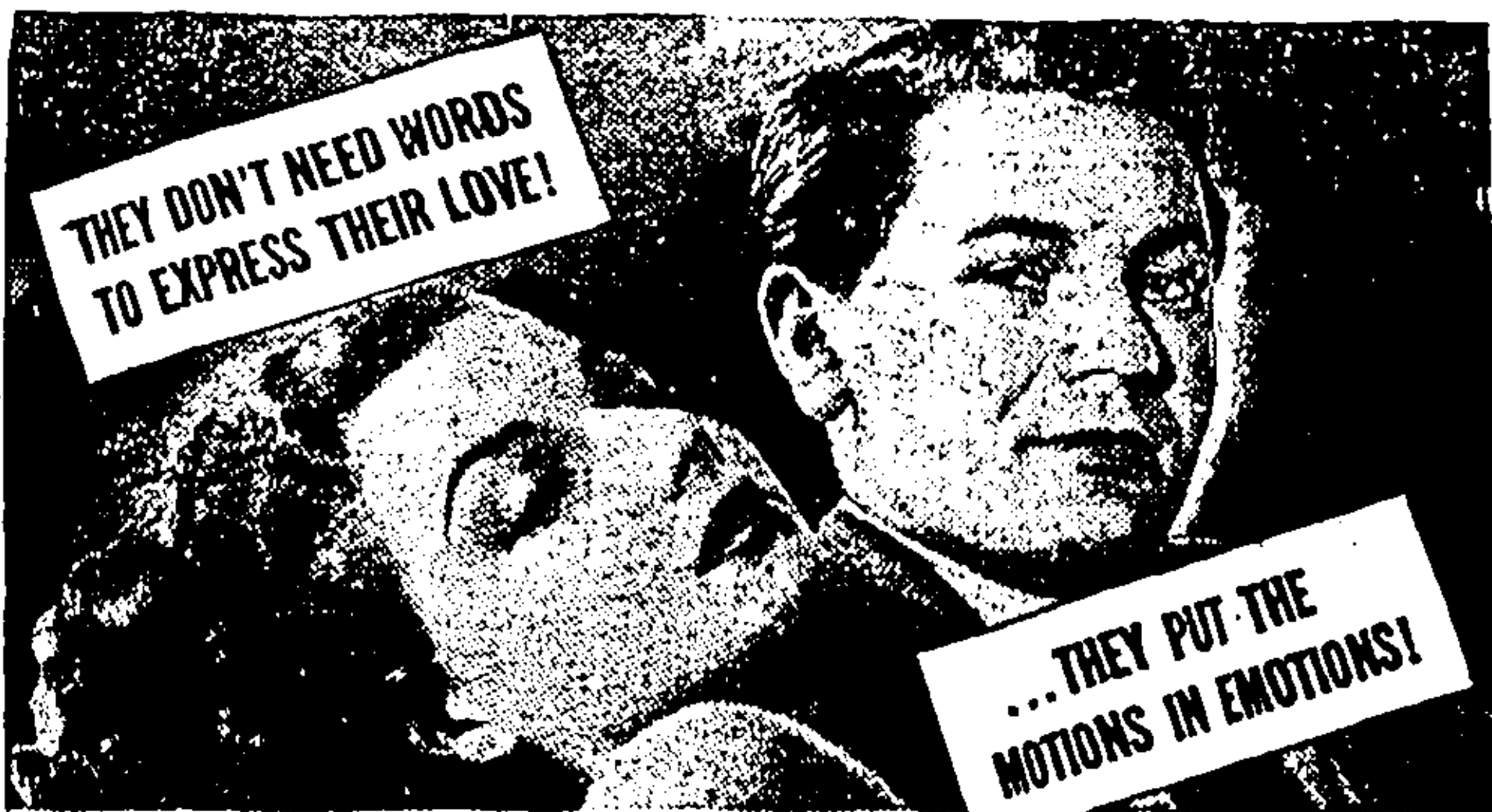
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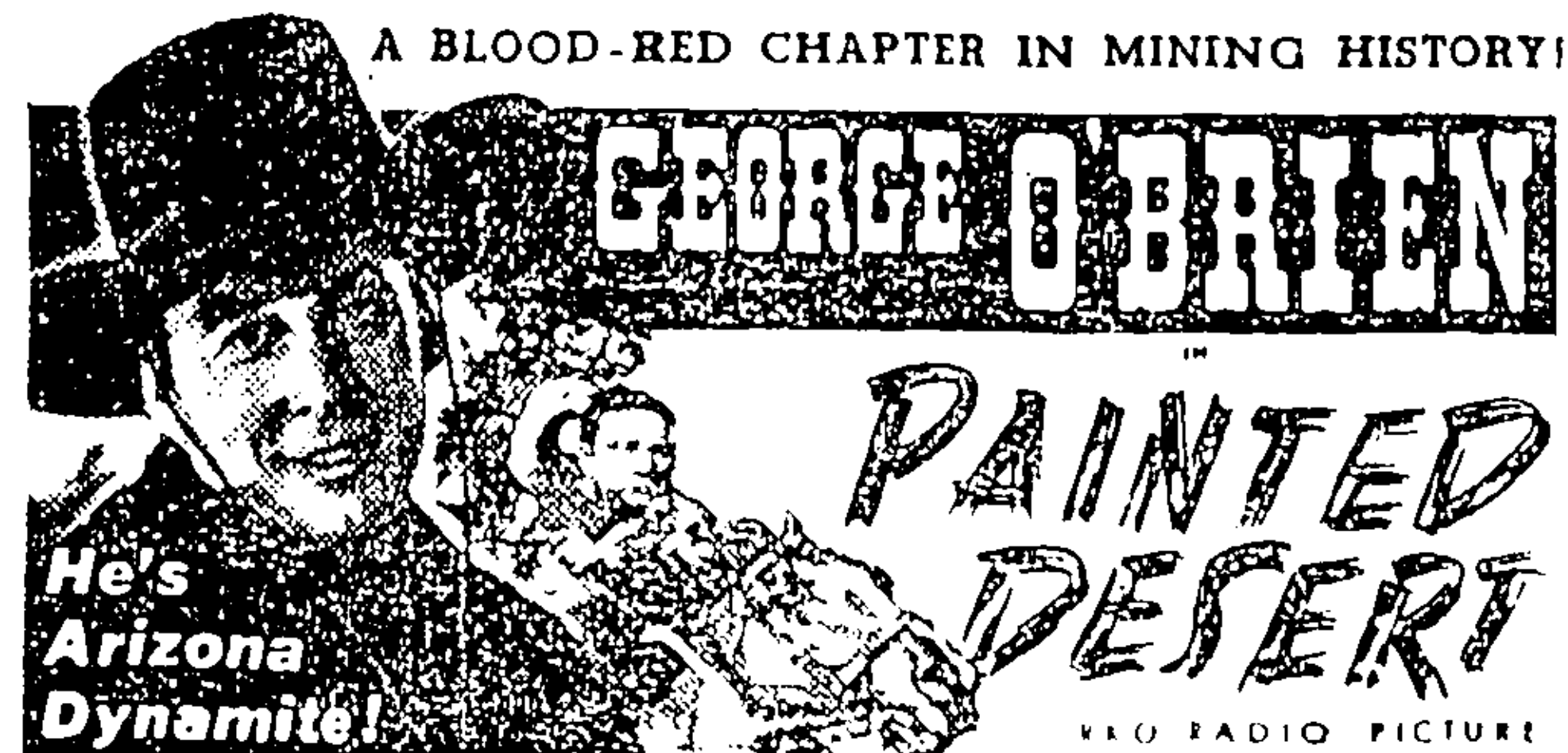
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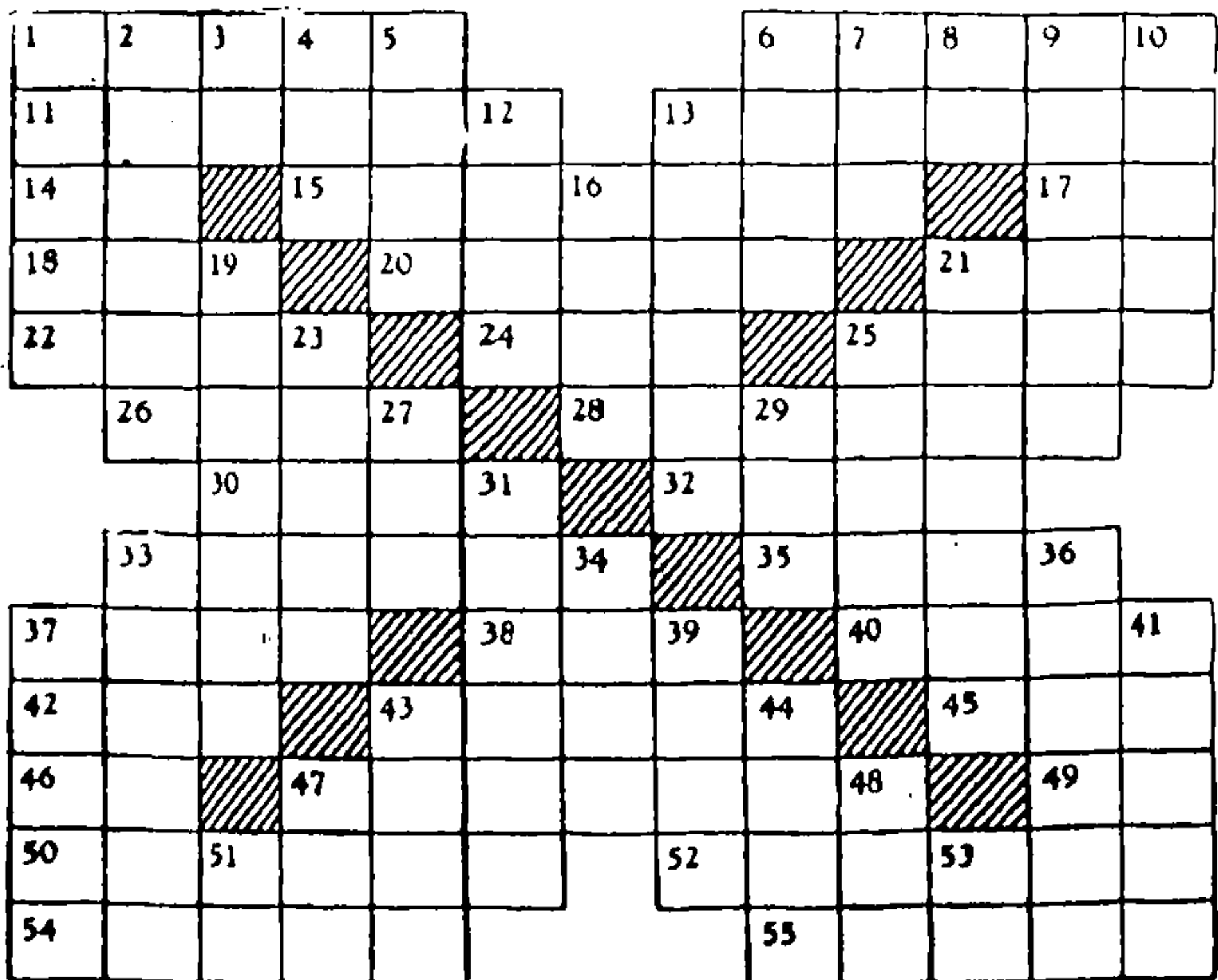
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- 21 Mongrel
- 22 Short jacket
- 24 Vast age
- 25 Path
- 26 Glacial ridges
- 28 Elevated
- 30 Thailand
- 32 Carbon
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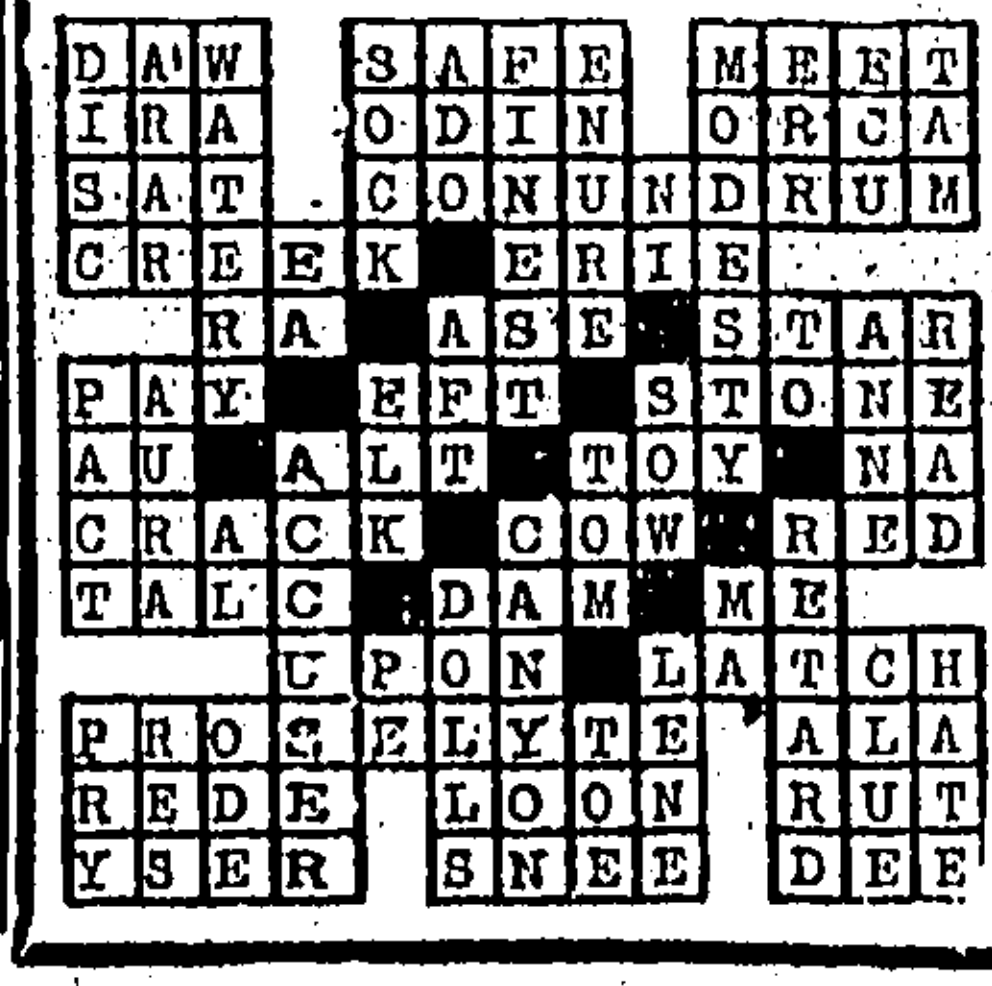
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- 52 Female relatives
- 54 Eaten away
- 55 To gaze steadily

VERTICAL

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- 2 Fruit
- 3 Article
- 4 Yellow bugle
- 5 Brilliant star
- 6 To worry
- 7 Strange
- 8 Symbol for cerium
- 9 Unrecognised
- 10 Shop
- 12 Time long since past
- 13 Greek mythological character
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- 19 To have
- 21 Choral composition
- 23 Fastens
- 25 Jungle beasts
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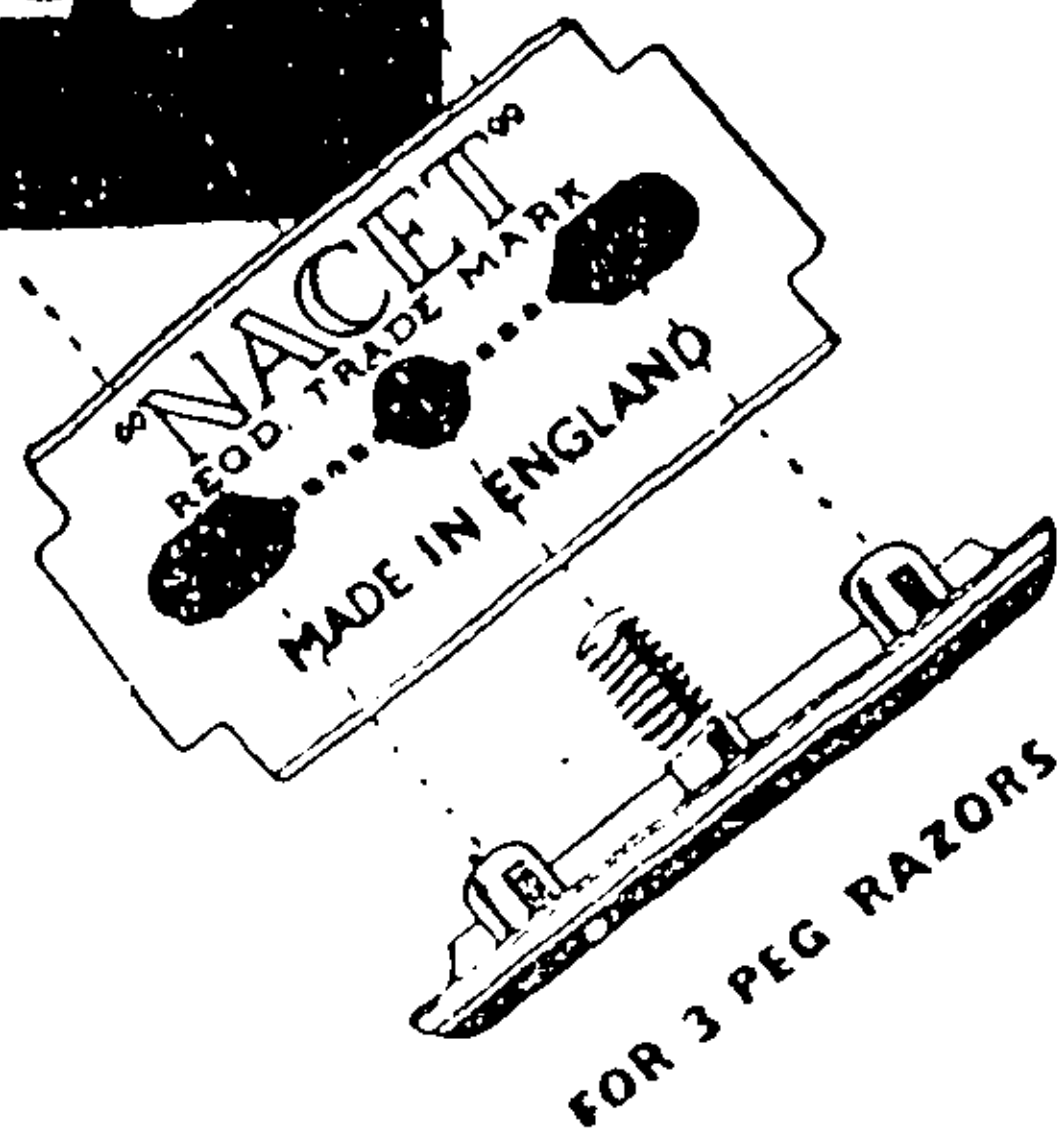
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JAPAN STILL IN FEAR OF THE SOVIET

(This is the fifth of several uncensored articles appearing in the "Manila Bulletin" on the Pacific "war of nerves" as seen from within Japan by an American observer).

JAPAN IS MAKING NEW ENEMIES AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT HER ONE TRADITIONAL FOE — RUSSIA — CONTINUES TO HOLD THE HONOURED POSITION IN DEFENCE PLANS.

The opinion long has prevailed in the islands that some time, somewhere, a second Russo-Japanese war is inevitable. The two countries were on the verge of it in 1939, but Moscow had more important projects on hand. Tokyo, aware of the probable consequences, managed to calm her hot-tempered Kwantung army officers who were all set for a decision fight.

Now, the enigmatic attitude of the Soviets is one of the two most effective brakes on Japanese expansion. The second is the United States Navy. As has been mentioned before, Japanese expansionists are responsive only to force.

Russia has plenty of real and theoretical force behind her marked activities in the Far East. Temporarily at least, she holds the whip hand, and she is playing her advantage to the limit.

Before the diplomatic roulette wheel put the chips in Stalin's pocket, Russia came to Japan, asking for a non-aggression pact. That was in 1936, before Tokyo signed the anti-communist agreement with Germany and Italy. Russia's idea was to thwart this pact and protect herself, but the Japanese army turned down the proposition because they short-sightedly believed they would be on top more or less permanently. At that time, the "Younger Officer" of the Kwantung army chafed the Manchurian Province, Vladivostok, and Outer Mongolia as legitimate areas for Japanese action, and in the name of self-defence.

Of Doubtful Worth

To-day, the odds have changed. Japan wants the non-aggression pact — her expansionists want it badly. And Stalin merely smiles and remembers: treats Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka to a free train ride and an interview — and, merely a neutrality pact, the worth of which is doubtful. Without some assurance of Russian inactivity, a Japanese march would be dangerous. An attack upon the Dutch East Indies, for example, would necessitate a large array of capital warships flanking the bulk of available transports, because loss of man power is extremely high in any assault against a well-defended island or coastline. Naturally, the Japanese would leave as many warships in home waters as could be spared without foredooming the southern expedition.

Vulnerable Flank

But if Russia chose to strike hard at that moment, in revenge for past wrongs, the Japanese flank would be comparatively vulnerable. At least 80 Soviet submarines are now based in Vladivostok. Hundreds of aeroplanes reportedly are available in that area for duty — and a concerted aerial attack would wipe out Japan's great industrial cities, Osaka, Kobe, Yokohama and Tokyo, which consist mainly of flimsy wooden houses.

Anti-air raid drills are held twice annually throughout Japan in useless preparation for that eventuality. The people who participate are hopelessly inept. But even well-trained fire-fighters would have no chance against the holocaust that incendiary bombs would start in Japan. The absence of air raid shelters would mean a frightful loss of life.

"Number One Enemy"

The fact that Japanese believe the Soviets capable of such a revenge war is indicative of their deep distrust of this "number one enemy."

Theoretically, such a development is possible, as the aftermath of warfare which the Soviets could easily taunt the

Kwantung army into starting somewhere in Manchukuo.

Another development is far more likely, however. Assuming that Moscow's policy is to encourage worldwide warfare, wait for rival armies to knock each other out, then pick up the pieces, the Soviets would have an excellent opportunity in the Far East. An American-Japanese war, doubtless, would mean the end of the Japanese empire in time. Even if the Nipponese army remained as a bulwark in Manchukuo, its mechanised forces would be desperately short of fuel. Japan's reserve gasoline is, say, sufficient for one year. An attack on the Indies might exhaust half or more of this amount, because at present they are not adding to their reserve. Dutch destruction of Indian wells, prior to any successful landing, would mean another year's wait before Japan could acquire any considerable amount of fuel, because the United States would embargo shipments immediately upon a Japanese march.

Navy Caution

This would be a logical moment for Russia to step in, attempt to recapture Manchukuo, and, as much more of the Japanese empire as possible, including substantial segments in north China.

These are the arguments the navy has been impressing upon the army in order to delay the southward programme. The country could not be secure, as long as the Russian menace remained unshackled, and the fleet, as defender of the homeland, is aware of it.

Actually, the Japanese navy has one great fear to-day. That a Russian submarine will sneak close to Japan and torpedo an American vessel carrying evacuees to the United States. Officers believe, and probably correctly, that such an incident would provoke an immediate American-Japanese conflict, with no one in the United States willing to believe that a Japanese submarine had not committed the act. As one officer said, "We can't stand another Panay."

The Jitters

This particular brand of jitters was prompted by the fact that Soviet submarines have been increasingly active lately around Vladivostok. One of them challenged and stopped a Japanese freighter in the Japan sea a few weeks ago. Japanese officials, hankering for friendship with Russia, made no protest for this incident, although they consider the sea as "our lake."

Many Japanese and foreign observers, believing that Stalin actually wants an American-Japanese war, are puzzled by his disinclination to accept the obvious course: A quick and bland assurance that Japan could proceed southward without Russian interference, in the hope that it would result soon in warfare.

Stalin may come to that later. At present it suits him to keep the Japanese dangling. Wide-spread reports in Tokyo said he has made exorbitant demands as the price of a non-aggression pact. These include, according to unconfirmed rumours in diplomatic circles: Return of all Manchukuo north of Harbin and the old Chinese Eastern Railway (probably for some "face-saving consideration"); return of Karafuto (southern Saghalien); re-

opening of the Harbin-Vladivostok railroad, which the Japanese closed in 1931; the right to run sealed trains to Dairen; recognition of Soviet sovereignty over Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang and Ninghsia provinces.

Stalling

The Japanese, obviously, can grant only the last of these demands, if they expect to avoid domestic trouble. If the list is a correct synopsis of the Russian wishes, it is clear Stalin is simply stalling.

He is holding the Japanese at arm's length also by refusing to sign a permanent fisheries treaty and by delaying any tangible development in the commercial negotiations which have been under way in Moscow for several months.

It must suit his sense of humour to note the Japanese patience with such dilatory methods which, a year ago, would have provoked violent anti-Russian press outbursts, at least. Tokyo spokesmen, who now claim negotiations between the two countries are proceeding "amicably," used to describe Russia's foreign policy as the "actions of a hysterical girl."

Russia's tactical position, of course, is the major reason why Stalin now has the upper hand. But the Soviets won part of their influence by defeating the Japanese at Nomonhan in 1939.

More Than Skirmish

That border skirmish has assumed amazing importance in subsequent diplomatic developments. Three overlapping battles were fought, the Japanese winning the first two against untrained Soviet "shock troops." Then the Red army command poured good German mechanised equipment and some of their best men into the struggle, annihilating a Japanese artillery division and sending scout cars some 40 miles within Manchukuo before peace was declared.

Shortly after that display of strength, Moscow signed the new famed non-aggression pact with Germany. Within a few weeks, the Soviet attack against Finland began.

Japan retired some of her leading officers in disgrace and immediately began a long-range mechanisation programme for an army that showed itself hopelessly outclassed with the tanks and armoured cars previously at its disposal. Later, in a boundary demarcation treaty—details of which have never been published—the Soviets kept much of the land they had won.

Soviet Der Tag

Russian bombing of a small railroad station, Fulaerchi, near the Nonni river nearly precipitated fighting on a much wider scale in the middle of the Nomonhan incident. Kwantung officers were both frightened and angry by the attack, and many of them believed the time had come for what they considered an essential Japanese drive against Russian outposts, notably Vladivostok, which is within easy bombing range of Japan. Tokyo quieted the hot-heads after three tense days.

Some day, the Japanese believe, Stalin will attempt to avenge the series of Russian defeats which have characterised Japan's northward expansion. Simultaneously, the Kwantung army is fretting to repay the Soviets for Nomonhan, a dark chapter in their military careers.

Meanwhile, Japanese expansionists hope and pray that some way may be found to postpone the day of reckoning, until Japan can build up her war machine with the raw materials they expect to find in the path of the "southward programme."

"ANGEL" OF ST. DUNSTAN'S

Miss Winifred Boyd-Rochford, matron of St. Dunstan's — and once called by the blind men "our angel" — has died at Park Hall, St. Dunstan's Annexe, Brighton.

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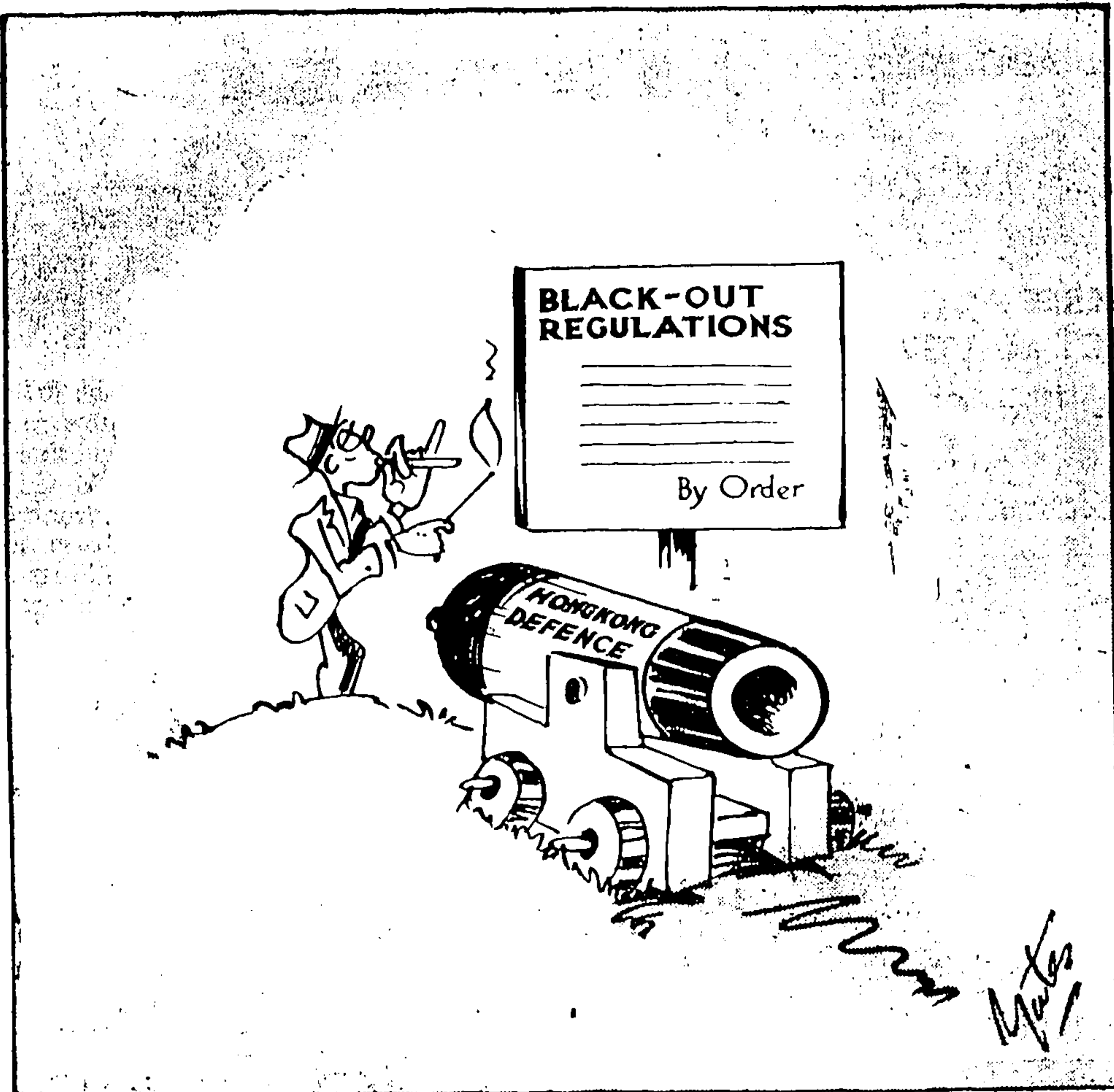
BALKAN EPIC

In some respects the events dramatically proceeding on their course in the Balkans are dreadfully familiar. The ferocities, the falsehoods, the savageries are all the same. Through the fire and smoke and mendacities of Nazi warfare, it is not always easy to make a clear picture; but the plan and purpose, at least, are reasonably clear. Another "Dunkirk" on the shores of the Aegean, Herr Hitler has promised it; and it is well to have that much down in black and white. For now we are to witness the performance - which, this time, may be another matter.

There are going to be great losses and may be reverses but this time, there are going to be no paralyzing disasters to the spirit and, it may be, no disasters even upon the ground. For the attack has been fully foreseen; its probable shape and power have been fully studied in the light of all the lessons taught by its predecessors. This time the little neutral is backed by a powerful British army on the ground, thoroughly trained, thoroughly equipped, commanded by a strategist of proved ability who would not have led them to that terrain unless he had seen there the outlines of possible victory.

This time, for the first time, the huge Nazi machinery of aggression has been drawn into a war which it neither wanted nor anticipated, in a theatre remote from the real centre of the major struggle, where its positions are not of the best, its communications poor and the terrain adverse. It is a theatre in which its ominous ally stands ever more menacingly in its rear; ahead, there is no decisive prize to be achieved - for even a complete victory and another "Dunkirk" in the Balkans would not break the grip of sea power and would leave the enemy citadel unbreached—but it is a theatre in which the cost of even one failure can be catastrophic.

On these new terms, Hitler has joined the Battle of 1941. What cruelties it will loose, what its course may be no one can now predict. Once more history is swept away upon a roaring tide of events. But it is clearer now than ever that this frightful power for chaos and devastation must be destroyed if our world is not to be destroyed under it.



BLACK-OUT (MENTAL)

Want To Fight For France

AT Douaumont, on the slope of Verdun, there is a plain concrete slab protecting an open trench. Inside the trench are the undisturbed remains of the officers and men of the famous 137th French infantry regiment who, in 1916, fought to the last man in defence of Verdun.

For one of France's most moving war memorials, for they stand there as they died their rifles still in position, a symbol of the uncomparable spirit in which they stubbornly resisted the German onslaught.

In the last day of May 1940, the son of these men, the new 137th, were entrusted to the south of Dunkirk, stemming the German advance. They knew they were being sacrificed, yet with one question they rallied on the old order: "They shall not pass."

The primary cause of their defeat was undoubtedly military. But from accounts which have been given to me by the few survivors it is evident that when the history of these actions comes to be written the ordinary French soldier will lose nothing of his reputation as a courageous fighter.

Here are three stories, of the courage of these men from Boulogne, Calais, Dunkirk, Lille, Douai, Valenciennes, and Cambrai who fought for their home towns and villages until the Nazi tanks swarmed over the defences.

Dunkirk Heroes

The first is from the field diary of a major of the 86th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Army—a 1914-18 veteran who wrote:

"When we arrived in front of Dunkirk and took up our positions we received orders to defend the lines to the last man. Each section leader was given definite and precise orders, and we knew that this time we were being sacrificed.

"We knew that every hour gained meant more boats could get away, more troops who could carry on the fight elsewhere.

"And we had extra reason to fight hard. My own regiment and the 60th and 25th were mobilised in Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne.

"Although we were heavily outnumbered and were facing an enemy who had vastly superior arms, there was only one moment when the men faltered in their discipline. It was when an order to withdraw was given and they felt that they should have counter-attacked in order to defend Calais as well.

"On the 31st I was wounded and was taken through a heavy bombardment to a hospital at Zuydcoote, and three days later I was driven by ambulance to

Dunkirk and embarked for England.

"Of my regiment only eight of us all wounded arrived in England.

The diary of a young lieutenant of artillery, a native of Boulogne, gave perhaps a clearer insight into the spirit of the French soldiers in the last bitter days before they were betrayed.

MAY 28.—At 5 p.m. we set up the battery at Poperinghe, but after two hours we leave for Hondchoote, where we again put

By Margaret Dasnieres

the battery into position. We make contact with English troops, who give us biscuits, chocolate and cigarettes, as we have had nothing to eat for a long time. At 8 p.m. we get an order to go to Braydunes, near the coast.

MAY 29.—At 6 a.m. we set up our battery in the sand dunes and we are heavily bombarded from the air. At 3 p.m. we get an order to move nearer Dunkirk. The Colonel reads us an order which says that we have to defend Dunkirk and that there is no hope of us being embarked.

The men just look a bit grimmer, but accept it as they have accepted every other order.

MAY 30.—Fighting all day long in cooperation with the English. At 10 p.m. we swing our battery 96 degrees and fire inland towards Bergues.

MAY 31.—At dawn we are in position near a farm, with an English battery nearby. All day long we are attacked by German dive-bombers.

JUNE 2.—At 11 a.m. we move further down the road nearer to the coast.

JUNE 3.—Nothing much to eat, nothing to drink, but we keep on firing. At 11 a.m. No. 4 gun bursts, causing a few minor casualties.

At 9.30 p.m. we blow up our guns and all equipment and make for the coast. Our battery then consists of three N.C.O.'s and 50 men—all that are left out of 100.

JUNE 4.—At 2 a.m. we arrive on the jetty at Dunkirk, and by 4.30 have to report to the Colonel that it is impossible to find a boat to take us off. The Colonel says we are now free to do what we like.

At 5 a.m. I find a sailing boat in a yard, and, with some officers

and men, I get aboard and we leave Dunkirk.

At 2 p.m. off Gravelines, we rescue two officers and four soldiers. We hoist the sail and the current takes us down the French coast towards Cap Gris Nez. At 4 p.m. we are again machine-gunned from the shore and we lie flat in the boat. I get wounded in the chest. At 6 p.m. we pass Calais and the Germans shell us from the beach.

JUNE 5.—At 2 a.m. we pick up a man from the sea. At dawn we are in sight of Folkestone. A Belgian boat comes out for us.

Perhaps the most impressive story is that of a 23 year-old peasant soldier from the North of France.

Reduced To Half

Here is his account of the fighting. He wrote it himself in simple, peasant French:

"I am a farm labourer. I love my village. My pleasures were my garden and fishing. In September, 1939, I left, full of courage and hope.

"On May 13 we went into Belgium, and we stayed there for five days without fighting. Then we returned to France.

"We arrive at Valenciennes and fall into fighting positions at the station, as the enemy is near. We cross the town. Impossible to get through. It is crowded with refugees. In the morning we leave the town.

"Our group of 'corps francs' (guerrillas) take part in the battle. At once we fall on an enemy line, and in a few minutes our corps francs is reduced to half. The wounded are carried away. We reform into a company.

"We hold the firing line six days. Little food. Under incessant artillery and plane fire in open ground without trenches. Fighter planes are at 1,000ft. dropping flares, and then we are showered with shells. We have only clover fields to take cover in.

"We receive no more orders. We retreat.

"We do 15 kilometres (nearly two miles) on foot. Then we meet an English convoy. They take us toward Dunkirk, and give us cigarettes, biscuits and chocolate. At Bethune the English set fire to the convoy so that the enemy won't get it.

"We find our captain on the sandhills. We wait for four days and shells fall all the time. On June 1 I am wounded, with four comrades. We lie on the quay and the guns are still firing.

"The embarkment is orderly. The sea is calm. It is my first trip on the sea. We arrive in England and I am put on a stretcher."

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INVASION**

FOR THE SECOND TIME in six months Britain is threatened with invasion. Last September many people in Britain were inclined to doubt whether an attempt would be made. They regarded the threat as more of the kite-flying for which Germany is notorious. But this time the Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers, as well as responsible members of all three Services, have given serious warnings to the nation to be on its guard.

Even if Hitler never gambles his all on an effort to achieve his cherished ambition of landing German troops on British soil, there are enough indications of careful and large-scale preparations to justify the Government, the Royal Navy, the Army the Royal Air Force, and every member of the public taking every reasonable precaution. On so momentous a matter it will be better to have taken precautions proved unnecessary than to be caught napping by unreadiness to meet every possible enemy move.

In spite of the constant attacks of the R.A.F. Bomber and Coastal Commands on the invasion bases and the damage they have caused, the Germans doubtless still possess sufficient seaworthy ships and barges to carry an invading force between the Continent and Britain. Nor is it unlikely that other craft stored at the "back end" of the Baltic could be moved up by night, and the floods of Norway may hide secrets intended as a nasty surprise for an unwary land. Prudence, therefore, dictates an unceasing watchfulness.

No doubt all three of the British armed forces have detailed plans for defeating a hostile move of this kind. It is difficult to believe that any German movement on a large scale could escape the notice of the Royal Navy or the roving eye of Coastal Command reconnaissance aircraft.

Even the Germans must know that if they try to invade Britain they are taking on one of the most dangerous and difficult adventures in history. Such an effort must entail terrible losses in men and material.

But we have the Battle of France to show that Hitler would not be deterred by such a prospect. To conquer France he willingly, almost gladly, accepted a high rate of casualties among his dive-bombers, because he saw that this would prevent the heavy losses which a long land campaign would entail.

Fine Weather Effort

Some experts in Britain believe that Hitler must regard the chances of a successful sea invasion as so slight that he would attempt, at the start at any rate, to land all his troops from the air. If they succeeded in getting a secure foothold and damaging our coastal defences, airfields, and aircraft, reinforcements could follow in ships and barges. Germany certainly has large numbers of Junkers Ju 52 troop-carriers, each capable of carrying 20 fully armed men. She is also reputed to have machines equipped to bear light tanks slung between the undercarriage. If the air invasion

were attempted at night it is probable that each troop-carrying machine would also tow two or three gliders, which would be detached when near the coast and allowed to land where they could.

Looking back on the period of daily large-scale air attacks last summer, it is clear that they were the prelude to an attempted invasion. Had the Luftwaffe succeeded in mastering the R.A.F. Fighter Command Hitler would have been able to take the chance. But constant attacks on our aerodromes and on the coastal defence areas not only failed to weaken our air resistance but made such grave inroads on the bomber and fighter strength of the German Air Force that Hitler was forced to postpone not abandon the project. Now the fine weather is coming again. It seems likely that, as soon as conditions permit, the second attempt will be made. For Germany knows that every week sees the R.A.F. grow stronger, thanks partly to American aid.

Few Hours Notice

After the failure to defeat our fighter force last summer a different tactic may be tried this time. There is unlikely to be a long period of daylight bombing attacks before the enemy armada sails.

Many experts believe that we shall not get more than a few hours notice of German intentions. As they see it, the preliminary will be a night of non-stop bombing of the areas where the landing is to be effected—or, at any rate, attempted.

We may witness concentrated bombing such as that carried out in Holland and France and attempted on Coventry and Southampton. Communications will almost certainly be a special objective, for the enemy must try to cut off the prospective battle zone; to isolate the troops in that area who are not killed by the bombing. Both fighter and bomber aerodromes are another obvious target. In order to put them out of action the Germans might try to land troops from the air on or near them. During the hours of darkness it would be their task to wipe out the aerodrome defences and defenders and to make all the aircraft unfit for service.

Then, at dawn, the main attempt would be made. Under cover of darkness all the barges and ships would have been moved out so as to be within striking distance of land with the first grey streaks of dawn. Simultaneously every bomber and fighter which the Luftwaffe can muster would be launched from France and the Low Countries according to a time-table worked out to the last second. No doubt feints would be made in order to try to mislead our fighters, bombers, and warships, but the main assault would be launched against the area, or areas, where landings were to be tried. While some of the German fighters afford such protection as they could to the bomber squadrons bent on destroying our coastal defences strong formations would be needed to tackle the R.A.F. bombers and the Royal Navy sent to attack the barges and ships. More bombers would continue the effort to isolate the battle area and prevent

reinforcements being rushed up. The presence of parachute troops on our aerodromes would seriously impede the British fighters, for they would have to make longer journeys back to aerodromes farther away to refuel and rearm.

In East Anglia?

Where is the most likely place for an invasion? Though the frequent reports of German aircraft over East Anglia may provide a clue, the Germans are hardly likely to "put all their eggs in one basket." Sea craft would no doubt converge on Britain from many different points; some from the Channel ports of France, some from the Bay of Biscay, others from Holland and Belgium, still others from Norway and the Baltic. It is possible that simultaneous landings would be tried at different points, so as to split up the fighter and bomber force of the R.A.F. It may be that a landing in Fife, either from the sea or the air, would be attempted at the same time.

If the main attack came from the east the whole of the area between the Wash and the mouth of the Thames, as well as Kent and the coastal regions of adjoining counties, would probably see the largest scale air fighting the world has ever known.

Dunkirk would be like a small engagement by comparison. The Germans would certainly hurl into the fray every fighter and bomber they could make airworthy in time. To get their troops on shore they would have to win a local air superiority; they must also command the air over their ships and barges during that vital period from dawn onwards while the landing was in progress. Such a scheme may seem like a nightmare, but experts believe that it must be taken seriously. Though it would bristle with serious difficulties, and the preparatory work on the other side would be enormous, the Germans are excellent organisers. An attempted invasion of Britain would be a do-or-die effort, and that reason the possibility of poison gas should not be ruled out.

A Two-Sided Picture

If last year the enemy underestimated our fighter strength, they are not likely to do so again after the grim lesson they were given during August and September. They know that the Spitfires, Hurricanes, and Defiants which beat the Luftwaffe six months ago have been improved; that we now have the Whirlwinds and Tornados, modern machines with capabilities of which they are ignorant. They know, too, that we have received from America such fighter aircraft as the Curtiss Tomahawk; while the nightly exploits of the R.A.F. over Germany must have convinced the leaders of the Reich that our bomber force is considerably stronger.

That is one side of the picture. On the other side is the assurance that the Germans have made good use of the winter months. They have evolved new fighters and bombers; the aircraft they employed last year have been improved. Because there are machines on both sides which have not been tested out in combat the invasion would be a gamble, but it is something on which Hitler has set his heart. The wise course for us, therefore, is to be prepared for whatever may come.

**NEW DISEASE IN
WAR'S TRAIL**

Illness throughout Scandinavia this winter is greater than for more than twenty years.

Copenhagen wireless states that a entirely new disease is spreading. It is extremely infectious, attacking children and adults alike. It leaves victims with a high temperature, pains throughout the body and usually inflammation of the lungs.

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500 FRENCH SET GERMANS A PUZZLE

A favourite method which the Germans have adopted for punishing French citizens for trifling acts of sabotage is to order some of the men of the district where trouble has occurred to stand on guard to see that there is no recurrence.

But one large town in the west of France found a satisfactory way of countering this move, according to news just received in London.

A monument to the French dead was draped with the Tricolour and Union Jack. The Germans removed the French flag and replaced it with the Italian, which was at once torn down and trampled on by angry citizens.

As a reprisal the Germans ordered two Frenchmen to present themselves every day to mount guard over the monument.

The next day 500 Frenchmen turned up. The only thing the German Kommandant could do was order them all to return to their homes as quickly as possible.

In another town local children heaped flowers on the graves of British soldiers. It was some time before the Germans noticed that the blooms were arranged in neat white and blue bunches. Then they removed them all.

THE GREAT I AM TAKES MORNING OFF

Hitler spent his birthday yesterday at his headquarters, presumably somewhere in South-Eastern Europe.

After celebrations in the morning he "resumed his work at 1 p.m.," according to the German radio.

Field-Marshal von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the German army, in a Hitler Birthday Order of the Day to the troops, declared "Trusting in the Fuehrer and confident of victory, we shall beat the last enemy."

This order was read over the German radio.

Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the Nazi navy, also issued an order expressing himself confident of victory in the "final struggle against a powerful enemy." — Reuter.

SOLDIER IS RADIO STATION

(By Paul Bewsher)

I have just seen a vital section of Britain's new Army at work — the signallers who will keep open the Army's communications, come what may.

Wireless, of course, is playing an increasingly important part in the work. Already equipment is being developed to improve it.

Portable transmitting sets, which can be carried on the back of one soldier, are already standard equipment. Research is being carried out to make these still lighter and simpler.

"These man-carrying sets have only a comparatively short range," explained an officer of the Royal Signal Corps. "While telephone sets in trucks are used for longer distances."

"But although we are developing wireless all the time, land lines are still used very extensively," he said.

Mock Battle

I saw a remarkable demonstration of the speed with which communications can be established at a mock battle in which a regiment of artillery was in action against "enemy invaders."

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I climbed in and found myself inside a busy telephone exchange. Signal lamps glowed at the two

switchboards, where khaki-clad operators were plugging in leads.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Bridge Swindles — No. 35

By The Four Aces

In order to be effective, a Bridge swindle must be plausible. To-day's hand illustrates a point which all swindlers ought to keep in mind:

South, Dealer		North-South vulnerable	
♠ A 6 5	♥ Q 10 6 4	♦ 2	♣ K Q 9 8
♠ J 9 8 4	♥ K 8	♦ A J 9 6	♣ 7 5 4
♠ 7 2	♥ 9 7 3 2	♦ K 8 7 4	♣ 10 6 2
♠ K Q 10 3	♥ A J 5	♦ Q 10 5 3	♣ A J

The Bidding:

South	West	North	East
1	2♣	2♠	Pass
3	Pass	3♠	Pass
4	Pass	4♠	Pass

West opened the deuce of diamonds, and South thought for a moment before he played the first card. The lead was either a fourth-best or a singleton. In the former case a finesse would probably succeed; and then even if East ruffed a later round of diamonds, the contract would be made. If the

lead were a singleton, it would be better to put up dummy's diamond Ace in the hope that West would be unable to get a diamond ruff. Unable to decide what the lead meant, South tried the finesse — holding a swindle in reserve if it should turn out that he had made the wrong guess.

He therefore played a low diamond from the dummy, East played the King, and South dropped the Queen without a second's hesitation. Now consider poor East's problem. If the opening lead was a fourth-best diamond, South's diamond Queen was a singleton. Why would South finesse with a singleton diamond? Probably to use the diamond Ace for a club discard. From the bidding, it was quite possible that West had two club tricks and a high trump; so East returned a club instead of a diamond. And then South could easily draw trumps and make his contract.

One other point is worthy of mention. If the three and two of diamonds were exchanged, and West led the three of diamonds, South could not deceive anyone by dropping the Queen. West could not hold the deuce, East would realise, since he could not hold a five-card suit. Hence South's play of the Queen must be an attempted swindle.

Saturday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J	♥ K J 9 4	♦ 8 5	♣ A J 9 3 2
The bidding:			
Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenker
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	(7)	

ANSWER: Double. You ought to be able to beat the contract without much trouble, and you have no assurance of being able to make any worthwhile contract of your own. Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 695

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenker
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♠	(7)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Jay Wilbur and His Band.

Fox-Trots—The Down and Out Blues (film "Happy Returns").

The Donkey's Serenade (The Firefly).

Slow Fox-Trot—Imagination.

Quick-Step—I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire.

Fox-Trots—Poor Little Angelina.

Saddle your Blues to a Wild Mustang.

Slow Fox-Trot—Mist on the River.

Fox-Trot—Tiny Old Town.

Fox-Trot—The Scene Changes.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—The Orchestra Mascotte with Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).

From Near and Far—Waltz Melodies.

Orchestra Mascotte.

The Three Waltzes (Oscar Straus).

"C'est la Saison d'Amour."

Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).

"Te Souvient-il."

Yvonne Printemps with Pierre Fresney and Orchestra.

Valse Blue (Margia).

Tesoro Mio—Waltz (Becucci).

Orchestra Mascotte.

The Three Waltzes (Oscar Straus).

"Je ne suis pas ce que l'on pense."

Yvonne Printemps with Pierre Fresney and Orch.

Lovely to Kiss—Waltz (Dicker).

Dance of the Fairies—Waltz (Rosen-thal).

Orchestra Mascotte.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal with Orchestra.—The Lambeth Walk (from Me and My Girl).

Lupino Lane with Teddie St. Denis and Company.

Piano—Fox-Trot Medley.

Intro: Take My Heart; Empty Saddles; It is True what They Say About Dixie.

Waltz Medley.

Intro: It's a Sin to Tell a Lie; Would You? Sweetheart Let's Grow Old Together.

Burton Brown.

Vocal—Let's Call the Whole Thing Off.

They Can't Take That Away from Me (both from "Shall We Dance").

Hildegarda with Carroll Gibbons and His Orchestra.

Plann—An Evening With You (film "Colleen") (Dubin-Warren).

Gerry Moore.

Humorous—What The Stars Foretell (Thompson).

Sandy Powell.

C. B. Cochran Medley.

Composers C. B. Cochran assisted by Elisabeth Welch, Edward Cooper and Ray Noble and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Debussy Programme.

The Children's Corner Suite.

(a) Dr. Gradow ad Parnassum;

(b) The Snow is Dancing;

(c) Serenade for the Doll;

(d) Jumbo's Lullaby;

(e) The Little Shepherd;

(f) Gollwog's Cake Walk.

Walter Gieseking (Piano).

La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin).

"Dances"

(a) Danse Sacree;

(b) Danse Profane.

Leopold Stokovsky and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Working Together."

7.30 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Trio in D minor, Op. 49.

1st Mov.: Molto Allegro Agitato.

2nd Mov.: Andante Con Moto Tranquillo.

3rd Mov.: Scherzo.

4th Mov.: Finale.

Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—Piano Duets by Moreton and Kaye.

Dinah: After You've Gone; Nobody's Sweetheart.

Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 21.

Intro: An Apple for the Teacher;

They Can't Black Out the Moon; We'll Meet Again; I'll Remember; A Man and his Dreams; Goodnight Children Everywhere.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Hubert Eisdell (Tenor).

International Railroad Express.

Polka Frieda.

Jakob Sorebroff's Russia Orch.

Two Tired Old Eyes (Kenyon and Squire).

Because I Miss You so. (Clanville and Coates).

Hubert Eisdell (Tenor).

Novellotte—Serenade (Henselt).

Frederic Hippmann and his Orch.

Evansong (Martin).

New Symphony Orchestra cond. by George Walter.

Thinkin' of Mary (Ashby and T. C. Steindale) (Bennett).

Always As I Close My Eyes (Hand-Raid-Jones and Coates).

Hubert Eisdell (Tenor).

Solemn Melody (Walford Davies).

New Symphony Orchestra cond. by George Walter.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on "Short Wave" only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music with Variety.

By the Wishing Well (Himmel).

Curtis and Ames.

Waltz—I'll Always Love You.

Fox-Trot—In a Moonboat.

Sydney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

Vocal—Don't Go in the Lion's Cage.

To-night (Luther).

The Beautiful Bearded Lady (Luther).

Zora Layman and the Home-towners.

Fox-Trots—I've Found a New Baby.

Easy to Get.

Bud Freeman and his Summa Cum Laude Orchestra.

Vocal—I'll Sing you a Thousand Love Songs (film "Cain and Abel").

Serenade in the Night (Kennedy).

Marc Henri with Orch.

Fox-Trot—Lilacs in the Rain.

Quick-Step—In an 18th Century Drawing Room.

Jack Hylton and his Orchestra.

Vocal—Tony's in Town (from "It's Love Again").

It's Love Again.

Jessie Matthews with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Never Took a Lesson in My Life.

Waltz—Lovely Old Lady.

Sydney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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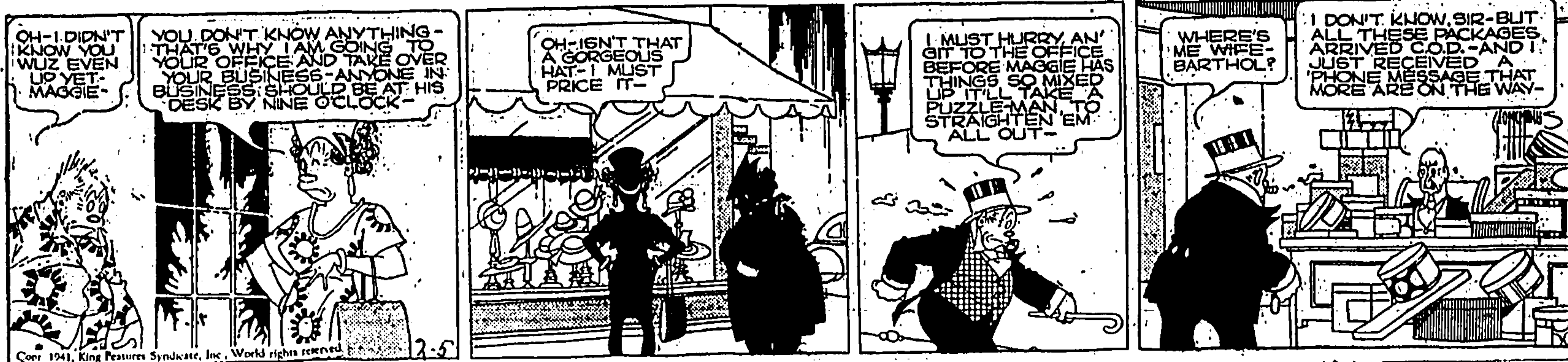
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Accessories Indicate Character

A Chic woman can take any well-fitting suit or coat or gown, no matter what its age, and make it look as small as an original by wearing with it well chosen accessories. Yes, shoes, bag, gloves and hat can make or ruin your appearance.

You find the best dressed women concentrating on monotonies—navy blue, brown, beige or black—for their suits and coats or dresses, and then pointing them up with gayly coloured smart accessories. By so doing they can make one nice fitting costume look like a whole wardrobe and they are never at a loss for a change.

But one's accessories must always look fresh. Your handbag should be cleaned frequently and never stretched out of shape by jamming it with everything you own! Your hat should be kept free from dust, powder and lipstick smears. Shoes must be kept in perfect order always. New heel lifts when needed, a shine or brushing, and every time you take them off shoe trees should be inserted. Any shoe will last months longer with good care.

I shouldn't have to remind you about your gloves. Soiled gloves like neglected hands tell the world you are a negligent person. Coloured or white, gloves should be spic and span when you start from home and never in need of mending where a seam has ripped. Dark suedes you know may be brushed with a rubber sponge, and all cloth or doeskin may and should be washed after each wearing.

If you go in for lingerie touches (and don't we all when the warm weather appears?) be certain that yours are as crisp and clean as new organdy. That may require frequent changing, but it must be done!

If you are a meticulous beauty you will brush each dress thoroughly (especially inside the neck) when you take it off, hang it on a hanger and inspect it to see if it needs pressing or cleaning before you wear it again.



MARGARET LINDSAY reveals one of her glamour secrets—a cosmetic kit which not only carries all her make-up but contains three small bottles of daytime perfumes. It fits into her massive handbag.

While you wear heavy coats too frequently neglected. See daily changing of dress shields is essential. If you buy those which may be pinned in a jiffy you will not find the changing a chore.

Little details such as fresh puffs or cotton wads in your compacts, handbag and compact mirrors cleaned occasionally, stains removed from handkerchiefs and fingers, lipsticks - cleaned and stocking seams straightened, are

too frequently neglected. See that you check up regularly on these.

If you spend the time I hope you do in grooming you body and keeping your figure pretty, it should follow like the night the day that what you wear and use be kept always in perfect order. Others judge you by what they see—and if they see neglect in grooming details their opinion of you cannot be flattering!



Gold-digging Gentle says bulging pockets may not be a mark of good grooming but certainly they give a man an air of being a good digger.

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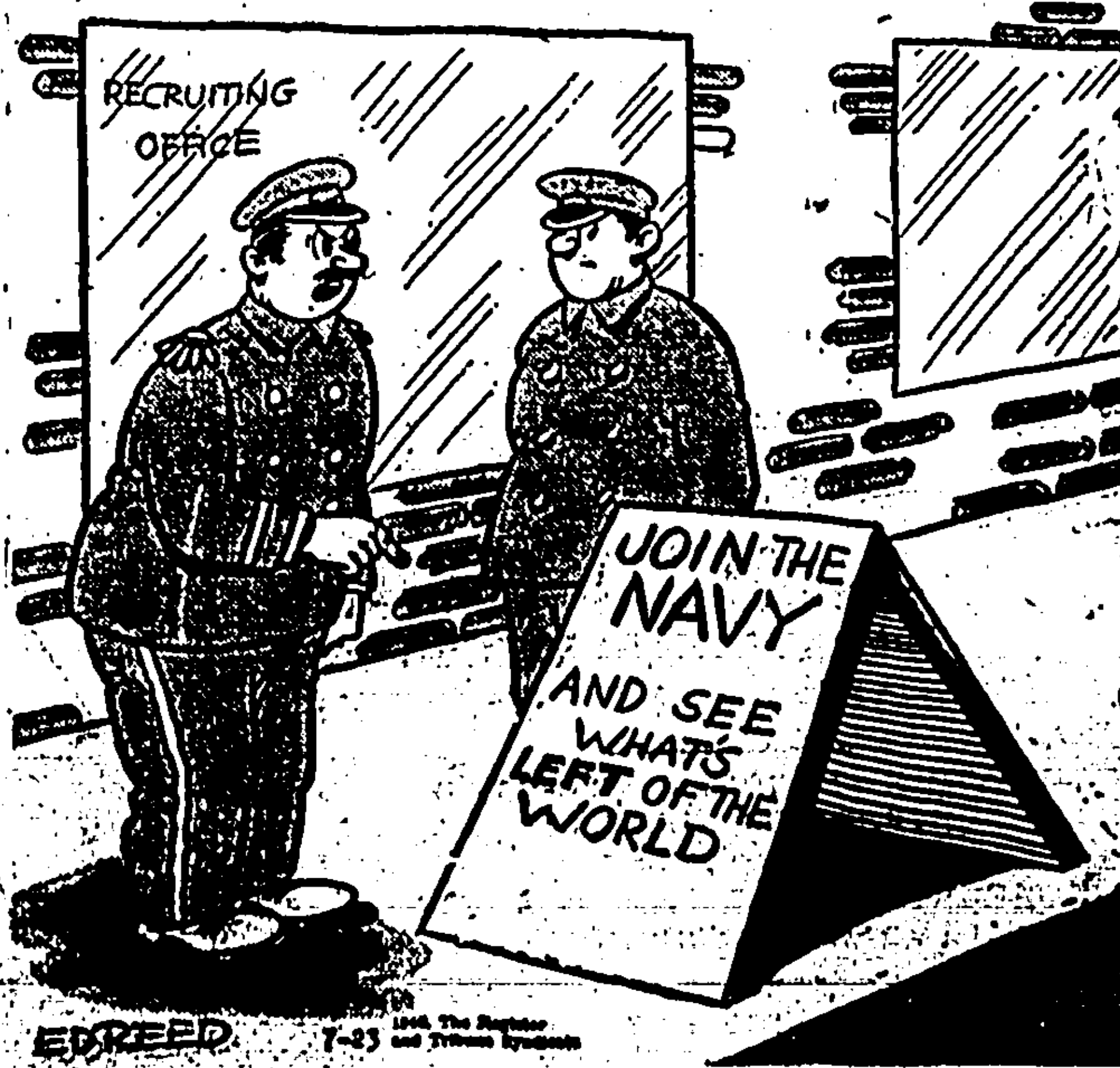
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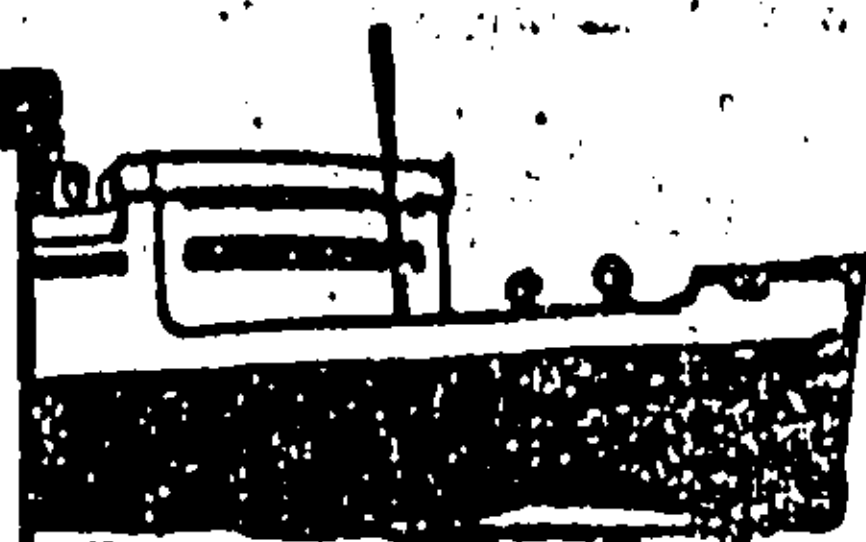
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ROME HAS A COCKNEY HAW HAW

An Italian, with an unmistakably English accent, broadcasting anti-English news over the Rome radio station, has created surprised comment from neutral listeners.

The announcer was born and spent all his thirty years in England, says Associated Press. His father was born and lived in England, where he is to-day. His mother comes from Tipperary. He is short, dark and goodlooking. Here is his own story of how he obtained the job.

He comes, he said, from a Milanese family which emigrated to England. He was born there and lived in Britain until the outbreak of war.

He grew up with English children, went to an English public school and graduated at London University. He became a civil engineer and before the war worked on English defence projects.

All this time he nursed a resentment against the British who, he said, always treated him as an outsider.

When war broke out he presented to the authorities his Italian passport and documents stating he was Italian and was allowed to leave, via France.

"The chap who let me go told me I was making a mistake," he said in a pronounced Cockney accent.

He obtained his present job through a bureau set up to find places for repatriated Italians.

"You can say they don't pay me much money," he added.

NOT SO RESTFUL IN THE REST ROOM

It's a tiring job conducting the affairs of the city of Stoke-on-Trent. So tiring, in fact, that councillors have their own rest room. But the atmosphere surrounding the room is anything but restful at the moment.

A controversy is raging round the City Council's decision to spend up to £200 on redecorating and refurnishing the room.

The decorating is already in progress, although some members of the council and some ratepayers have protested that this is a piece of extravagance, unjustified in war time, when all are asked to conserve their resources and tend their money to the Government.

R.A.O.C. COOLIES CHARGED

Three coolies of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., on Saturday with conspiracy to steal a metal ammunition container, containing 100 pounds of expended brass cartridge cases.

The accused were Tam King, 20, Yu Chuen, 32, and Lau Koon-sang, and all pleaded guilty.

The case was adjourned until Tuesday. Detective Sergeant V. Morrison is in charge of the case.



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Hie Maru	Saturday,	3rd May
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SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Hilo &

San Francisco.

*Taketo Maru	Tuesday,	20th May
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(starts from Kobe)

COLOMBO & MADRAS via Singapore

*Muroan Maru	Sunday,	4th May
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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila

Suwa Maru	Monday,	28th Apr.
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SAIGON

*Matue Maru	Friday,	25th Apr.
*Turuga Maru	Thursday,	8th May

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo

*Genoa Maru	Monday,	28th Apr.
*Okita Maru	Sunday,	11th May

RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

*Matue Maru	Friday,	25th Apr.
*Toba Maru	Monday,	28th Apr.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA

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CURIOUS LAWS GOVERN BOXING IN OHIO, U.S.A.

Spectators Can Be Gaoled Under Present Statutes

BECAUSE IT WOULD REPLACE many commissions with one and repeal obsolete, antiquated and repeatedly violated laws, the boxing and wrestling bill introduced in the Ohio legislature by State Senator John Patrick Kilbane merits consideration, writes a correspondent from Columbus, Ohio.

In the golden and giddy days, Cleveland was one of the better boxing centres.

Gene Tunney outpointed Johnny Risko in Cleveland just before lifting the championship from Jack Dempsey. Max Schmeling defended the heavyweight title by stopping Young Stribling in Cleveland. Anton Christoforidis only recently acquired the N.B.A. version of the 175-pound championship by outgunning Mello Bettina in 15 rounds there.

Yet an Ohio law imposes a sentence of not less than one year nor more than 10 on any principal in a prize fight.

Fine Or Prison

Another imposes a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisonment for not more than three months or both on whoever agrees to engage in a public sparring or boxing exhibition, aids or assists, attends or leases premises therefor.

That means that participants, seconds, spectators and—say the manager of Cleveland's Public Hall—could be fined and put in the jug in connection with an amateur card.

A current law makes it mandatory upon enforcement agencies to arrest a person about to have hand in a fight as principal or second.

It provides for the accused furnishing a bond of not less than \$500, nor more than \$10,000, that he will not engage in such a fight within a year in Ohio or elsewhere. . . . provides for his commitment to gaol until the order is complied with. When a sheriff has reason to believe a fight is about to take place it becomes his duty to summon sufficient citizens to arrest everybody in the joint, including the paying guests.

Boxing Now Conducted Under City Ordinances

Boxing for years has been conducted in Ohio under municipal commissions created by city ordinances.

Cleveland has a splendid board of which Tris Speaker, the Gray Eagle of baseball, is chairman, but Senator Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion for 11 years, declares conditions elsewhere to be awful.

The Kilbane bill, with which its sponsor hopes to establish a fund for retarded children while improving professional boxing in its original form would place at 10 per cent. state tax on gross receipts, bringing total assessments

to 23 per cent., including the 10 per cent. federal and 3 per cent. state excise. Promoters now pay cities 6 per cent.

When Bob Brickman, Cleveland promoter, protested the 10 per cent. state tax, Kilbane offered to cut it to 50 per cent. Additional revenue would be obtained through licence fees. Clubs, participants, referees, managers, and seconds are not required to have licences under the present setup.

Promoter Doubts State Would Collect Expenses

But Brickman, who put on the successful Christoforidis matches in Cleveland, points out that seven of nine professional boxing shows lost money in Cleveland in 1940.

He contends the state would not collect enough to pay each of three commissioners \$2,500 a year and a secretary \$3,000, not to mention the salaries of inspectors and expenses all around.

The wrestling business has gone to pot in Ohio, as it has in all other states, so would be of little help.

Countering cleverly, as usual, Senator Kilbane expresses his willingness to make membership on the commission non-paying . . . to limit expense in that connection to a fair salary for a secretary.

Senator Kilbane speaks of cleaning up the game. They've been doing that since John L. Sullivan was offering to lick any man in the house, and have gotten nowhere in particular. The trouble now is that there isn't much of the game left to clean up.

But Senator Kilbane never was ruled off for not trying and, as he points out, his bill would at least put an end to open violation of the law.

ANOTHER TAM FOR UNIVERSITY

One of the mainstays of University cricket this season has been K. Y. Tam, whose left-handed batting has proved invaluable to the undergraduates on many occasions.

Tam has an excellent defence and is one of the most enterprising batsmen in the Colony, with fine forcing strokes on the off and neat shots on the leg. He is one of several brothers—all cricketers—who learned the game in Malaya and he has made one appearance in Inter-State cricket, playing on that occasion for Malacca. One brother plays regularly for Malacca and another, who is also said to be almost in the same class, will be joining Hong Kong University soon, to stiffen still further the much-improved cricket team.

TSUIS MAY NOT BE PLAYING IN LEAGUE

Some of the old faces are likely to be missing in the Tennis League this season, and it is possible that C.R.C. will be without several of their stars.

It is learned that the Tsui brothers have not yet made up their minds to play Tennis this season, as they are contemplating a season's rest while Paul Kong has definitely made up his mind to continue his summer's activity to swimming.

Dr. S. Lam, who played for N.S.U. Sports Club for some seasons in the Tennis League, may play for the Club this season. The reason for this is that the N.S.U. Sports Club will be playing in the Tennis League this season.

MACAO UPSET CRITICS

Macao unexpectedly won the fifth soccer Interport by the only goal scored by Carvalho, the centre-forward, five minutes before the interval.

Macao played good football and the game was full of excitement as both goals were visited in turn.

Santos played a grand game for the home team in goal and brought off several good saves. In the last minutes of the game he saved brilliantly from Lee Wai-tong.

The effects of the Governor's cup game of the previous day told on the Hong Kong players. Tsang Chung-wan, who played a sound game in Hong Kong the previous day, was not reliable and this threw additional work on his partner, and in the forward-line Hau Ching-to was ineffective.

Hong Kong could not get accustomed to the ground conditions and many of their passes were too hard.

HONG KONG—Bankier: Roughley and Tsang Chung-wan; Pope, Lau Hing-chay and Maxwell; Fowler, Howlett, Hendy, Lee Wai-tong and Hau Ching-to.

MACAO—Santos; Chul-fai and Cordova; Souza, Collaco and Grossa; Leung Shul-wah, Guerrero, Carvalho, Gomes and Ip Po-to.

HSU'S BAD LUCK

Hau King-seng, who was invited to go to Macao with the Interport team, had to refuse owing to pressure of work. He also missed the tour to Manila with Eastern for the same reason.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
S. China	20	16	2	2	63	24	34
Eastern	20	15	3	2	70	32	33
Sing Tao	20	14	3	3	60	23	31
Middlesex	20	12	2	6	47	37	26
R. Scots	20	8	2	10	41	47	18
Kowloon	20	8	4	10	37	38	18
R. Navy	20	8	5	10	46	52	15
Police	20	6	1	13	32	67	13
Club	20	6	1	13	42	59	13
K. Wah	20	4	4	12	40	69	12
St. Joseph's	20	3	3	14	22	52	9

Totals: 220 95 30 95 490 490 220

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.E.	26	22	3	1	97	27	47
R.A.S.C.	26	19	3	4	108	34	41
Middlesex	26	16	3	7	69	46	35
Sing Tao	26	14	4	8	64	31	32
S. China	26	12	6	8	84	40	30
R. Scots	26	14	2	10	62	35	30
30th R.A.	26	13	4	9	57	56	30
Kit Chee	26	13	3	10	64	58	29
K. Wah	26	10	4	12	49	64	24
R. Navy	26	9	2	15	50	73	20
R.A.O.C.	26	7	5	14	39	60	19
Police	26	6	8	17	38	86	16
Club	26	3	2	21	22	113	8
Kowloon	26	0	4	22	15	86	4

Totals: 364 158 48 158 809 809 364

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.A.F.	24	17	5	2	74	24	39
Signal	24	17	5	2	69	25	39
36th R.A.	24	14	4	6	73	31	32
12th R.A.	24	12	6	6	73	39	30
24th R.A.	24	11	5	8	66	31	27
R.E.	24	13	1	10	65	40	27
7th R.A.	24	10	5	9	42	42	25
38th R.A.	24	9	4	11	48	54	22
R.A.M.C.	24	10	2	12	35	52	22
Internat.	24	9	3	12	45	48	21
20th R.A.	24	8	2	14	30	58	16
Shell	24	2	4	18	21	74	12
A.R.A.	24	0	2	22	10	101	2

Totals: 312 122 45 122 623 623 312

REST DRAW WITH K.C.C. IN EXTREMELY DULL MATCH

By "Adrem"

The Second Division Cricket League Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club second eleven, drew with an eleven representing "The Rest" in a friendly cricket match at Cox's Road yesterday.

It was a strangely dull match, considering nothing was at stake, with much of the grimness of a Test Match but none of the interest.

Rapley, for the champions, batted breezily at the outset but after wickets started to topple fast, he went into his shell and his score stayed at 39 for some considerable time.

With Goodban, Gray and Fenton making a few, the K.C.C. total eventually reached 136. Veteran U. M. Omar was in great form with the ball and took 4 for 22 and young Arculli created a very fine impression in his first big match.

Apart from Strange, who played some very nice shots on the off, although he did not always succeed in penetrating a well-placed field, and a correct innings by A. E. Noronha, the Rest innings was extremely dull, the match petering out into a draw. Lawrence, who was undefeated with 11 at the

close, played some beautiful off-drives and might profitably have gone in earlier.

Splendid Bowling

Taylor bowled magnificently. He could not always keep off the leg, but his well-flighted deliveries and sharp nip off the wicket had the Rest batsmen in difficulties all the time. Fenton, pitched the ball right up and with the aid of a couple of good catches, finished with 4 for 22.

The catching on both sides was good. Lawrence took four fairly good slip catches for the Rest and for the home team Baxter snapped up a quick one in the slips and Gray took a nice one at wide mid-off to dismiss Carey, who was just beginning to hit them hard.

During the tea-interval a group photograph was taken of both teams.

K.C.C. 2ND XI

W. L. Rapley, c Lawrence, b Esmail	47
K. M. Baxter, c Lawrence, b Omar	2
T. M. Madar, c Lawrence, b Omar	0
W. C. Hung, c Esmail, b Arculli	2
G. A. Goodban, c Lo, b Remedios	22
S. A. Gray, b Arculli	25
G. E. Taylor, c Lawrence, b Esmail	3
W. W. Parsons, l.b.w., b Esmail	6
R. J. Fenton, not out	15
H. Brokenshire, b Omar	3
G. W. Giffen, b Omar	0
Extras (B11)	11

Total

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Omar	8.4	2	22	4
Arculli	8	1	45	2
Carey	4	2	8	0
Remedios	3	1	11	1
Esmail	7	0	39	3

THE REST XI

K. Lo, b Hung	0
A. E. Noronha, l.b.w., b Fenton	9
M. A. Remedios, c Baxter, b Taylor	3
J. C. Fenton, c Brokenshire, b Taylor	6
A. E. Carey, c Gray, b Fenton	11
M. I. Razack, c Baxter, b Fenton	4
H. E. Strange, b Fenton	18
F. E. Lawrence, not out	11
U. M. Omar, c Giffen, b Taylor	0
N. H. Esmail, not out	2
Extras (B27, LB3)	30

Total (for 8 wks.)

A. E. Arculli did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hung	7	3	12	1
Taylor	11	2	25	3
Fenton	7	1	22	4
Baxter	3	0	5	0

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

AT KOWLOON C.C.	
Senior Singles	
K. W. Chey v F. Koh (8.00 p.m.)	
Mixed Doubles	
F. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v K. W. Chey and Mrs. Castro (8.30 p.m.)	
Junior Singles	
J. Odell v A. L. Fisher (8.30 p.m.)	
T. S. Young v D. Chellab (9.00 p.m.)	

CHARITY GAME

NEXT SUNDAY?

If permission is obtained, the soccer game from which the proceeds will be utilized for a scholarship in memory of the late Chen Chen-wo (Dank's Chen) will be played at Carbine Hill on Sunday.

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K. TONG TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Following are the results of Kowloon Tong Garden City Association's tennis tournament to date:—

SINGLES HANDICAP

First Round:—R. M. Lavallo (+15) beat Peter Lo (+5); Chan Kam-long (+2/6) beat Y. H. Tang (+3/6); Peter Pang (+3/6) beat H. S. Wong (+3/6); D. Chen (scr.) received a walk-over from E. Penn (+15 3/6) and A. H. Basto (+3/6) received a walk-over from Peter Wong (+15 3/6).

Second Round:—A. H. Basto (+3/6) beat H. H. Lin (+15 4/6). Third Round:—D. Chen (scr.) beat A. H. Basto (+3/6).

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:—Di Bee and Di Kho beat W. Gittins and H. Y. Hsu; C. C. Ma and Peter U beat H. H. Lin and T. E. Lung; Lam Kwan and F. H. K. Kwok beat A. Chan and James Hsu; and Edward Lee and L. S. Chan beat S. K. Yee and A. H. Basto.

Second Round:—Edward Lee and L. S. Chan beat K. M. Lee and M. S. Lee.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:—D. Chen beat R. M. Lavallo; Peter U beat H. H. Lin.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is today's Tennis Championship programme:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Final

R. E. Guest v. M. Pash (holder) (Stand Court)

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Final

G. W. Sevell v. E. A. T. J. Gould (+15 2/6)

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Semi Final

C. H. R. O'Shade and Miss Pritchard (+4/6) v. J. S. Theobald and Miss T. Bile (+15) (+4)

MRS. LITTLE WILLING TO TURN PRO.

Dorothy Round Little, twice winner of the Wimbledon women's singles tennis title and a British war guest in Canada, said during a visit to Toronto that she is willing to abandon her amateur status, writes a correspondent.

Mrs. Little said she was investigating the possibilities of a professional coaching contract. She expressed the hope that Toronto or Montreal would be sufficiently tennis-minded to want a woman professional.

"I'll be a bit of a wrench, leaving amateur tennis," she said, "but nothing matters except the war really, and anyhow I think after it that professionals and amateurs will be allowed to compete against each other."

Mrs. Little, who won her first Wimbledon title from Helen Jacobs in 1934, will visit New York shortly where she will meet Mary Hardwick the English tennis player who was in the United States when war broke out. Miss Hardwick turned professional and is touring with Alice Marble, Don Budge and Bill Tilden.

BASEBALL LEAGUE RECRUIT

Lacas Club contemplate entering the Baseball League this season. Among their members are a number of the Indian Softball team and others who have played in the local Baseball League, including R. Laurel, A. M. Abbas and A. J. Hussain.

Ernie Hearther, known as the uncrowned ten pin bowling champion of the Colony, has taken quite a fancy to golf and is out on the links very often. Although he had played golf in America, he had not previously devoted much of his time to this game here.

N. Spence, who swam for A.P.C. at the Inter-Hong swimming meet last year, is now in Manila on holiday.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

BOWLS

Lawn bowls made an unofficial start on Saturday when the Annual game for the "Sam White" Cup between Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Club de Recreio and several other games were played.

Recreio won the cup by 71 shots. At Cox's Road (Craigengower) Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 30 shots.

Several intra Club games were also played during the afternoon.

CRICKET

A "hat trick" by M. R. Abbas, the third in Second Division League cricket this season and a score of 105 by J. Macauley, featured, were the outstanding features of the two cricket games played on Saturday.

FOOTBALL

One of the best soccer games this season was played on Club ground when the Federation and Association met in the Final game of the Governor's Cup competition which resulted in a draw after extra time.

The standard of football was high and spectators were treated to thrills when both goals had narrow escapes particularly in the extra time.

Fernier saved the Association when he equalised in the last minute of the game. All the players gave good performances, but mention must be made of Bankier, in Association goal, and Howlett in the attack.

Cheung Wing-choy also played well in Federation goal and in the closing stages of the extra time brought off several good saves.

WOOD WINS MASTERS' TOURNEY

CRAIG WOOD, WITH AN AGGREGATE OF 280 FOR 72 HOLES, WON THE ANNUAL MASTERS' GOLF TOURNAMENT WHICH ENDED IN ATLANTA RECENTLY.

Byron Nelson was second, with 283; Sam Byrd third with 285; Ben Hogan fourth with 286.

Lawson Little, present American open champion, finished with 290.

Wood's first round of 66 was the best in the tournament, being six under par. — Reuter.

HOCKEY

The last Ladies' hockey game of the season was played at King's Park on Saturday when Hong Kong Ladies beat St. Andrew's by 3 goals to 1.

KHALSA ATHLETIC MEETING

The Khalsa Diwan Sports Club held its second annual sports meeting at the Indian Recreation Club grounds yesterday afternoon.

The following were the results: 440 yards—1. Kaminder Singh; 2. Pritam Singh; 220 yards—1. Pertab Singh; 2. Jagtr Singh.

150 yards—1. Tarlochan Singh; 2. Gurmakh Singh; High Jump—1. Pritam Singh; 2. Kaminder Singh.

Half-mile—1. Pertab Singh; 2. Gurbachan Singh.

Pick-a-Back—1. Tarlochan Singh and Gurbachan Singh; 2. Iqbal Singh and Sarjit Singh.

One-mile—1. Pritam Singh; 2. Gurbachan Singh.

Three-Legged Race—1. Gurmakh Singh and Jagdish Chandar; 2. Jaswant Singh and Gurbachan Singh.

100 yards Handicap (Girls)—1. Sita Lall; 2. Amar Kour; 3. Sarjit Kour.

Handicap (Kiddies)—1. Harbans Kour; 2. Ranjit Singh; 3. Sarjit Kour.

100 yards (I.R.C.)—1. Kaminder Singh; 2. Gurbachan Singh.

One-mile (Open)—1. Chunnan Singh; 2. Khan Mohamed.

Shot Put—1. Narangan Singh; 2. Kartar Singh.

100 yards (Girls)—1. Kartar Kour; 2. Jivinder Kour; 3. Sita Lall.

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Havoc Amid Nazi Troops And Convoys

R.A.F. BOMBERS and fighters inflicted heavy casualties and damage on enemy personnel and material in Tripolitania as well as in Cyrenaica during Saturday and the previous night, according to an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Enemy motor transport was destroyed in numerous localities, including Acroma, El Adem, Bardia and Monastir. A number of enemy aircraft were bombed and damaged at Derna aerodrome, and Berka airport was also raided.

Fighters carried out continuous offensive patrols and inflicted heavy casualties on motorised troops. They machine-gunned Gazala aerodrome where they destroyed one Savoia bomber and damaged a number of Fiat fighters on the ground.

Two Messerschmidt fighters were shot down over Gazala. Junkers dive-bombers which raided Tobruk were engaged by British fighters and one was shot down and others damaged.

Benghazi Raided

During the night of April 16, R.A.F. bombers raided Benghazi, obtaining direct hits on a ship and starting fires on the quays. The same night Tripoli was heavily

raided about 15 tons of bombs being dropped. IN GREECE, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE AND SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITY BY THE R.A.F. ON SATURDAY AND THE PREVIOUS DAY.

Stukas Intercepted

German dive-bombers escorted by fighters, attempting to attack our ground troops and shipping at Khalkis, were intercepted by our fighter patrols.

During the day, without loss to themselves, our fighters shot down three Junkers 87's, two Junkers 88's, four Messerschmidt 109's and one Heinkel 126 (a total of 10) and severely damaged many others.

On Saturday several other Savoia 79's were seriously damaged by our fighters over Melos.

In Abyssinia, in the Dessie-Alomata area, enemy positions and motor transport were bombed and machine-gunned, direct hits being obtained on fortifications and military buildings.

Dessie Visit

R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned motor transport north of Dessie, causing considerable damage and setting oil tankers afire.

The enemy attacked Mal'a during the night of April 18, causing some damage to civilian property, but there were few civilian casualties. One Junkers was shot down into the sea.

From all these operations one of our fighters is missing.—Reuter.

AIR LOSSES IN A WEEK

Twenty-three German aircraft were destroyed over Britain during the week ended dusk on Saturday.

Of these, 13 fell to fighters and eight to A.A. gunfire, while the method of destruction of the remaining two is not specified. All but four were shot down at night.

During this period R.A.F. losses over Britain were nil. Axis losses in the Middle East during the period were 68 in aerial combat and 17 on the ground. R.A.F. losses in this area were 21.

Four enemy aircraft were destroyed by shipping during the week, three by H.M. ships and one by a Free French naval ship.—British Wireless.

OFFENSIVE FIGHTER PATROLS

Aircraft of the Fighter Command in the course of an offensive patrol yesterday destroyed an enemy fighter over the Channel. One of our aircraft is missing.—British Wireless.

MOVE TO FORESTALL NAZI DRIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The sending of British troops to Basra, in Iraq, is interpreted in London as a move to forestall an anticipated German move through Turkey to the Iraqi oil fields.

International News Service

CANADIAN PREMIER AT HYDE PARK

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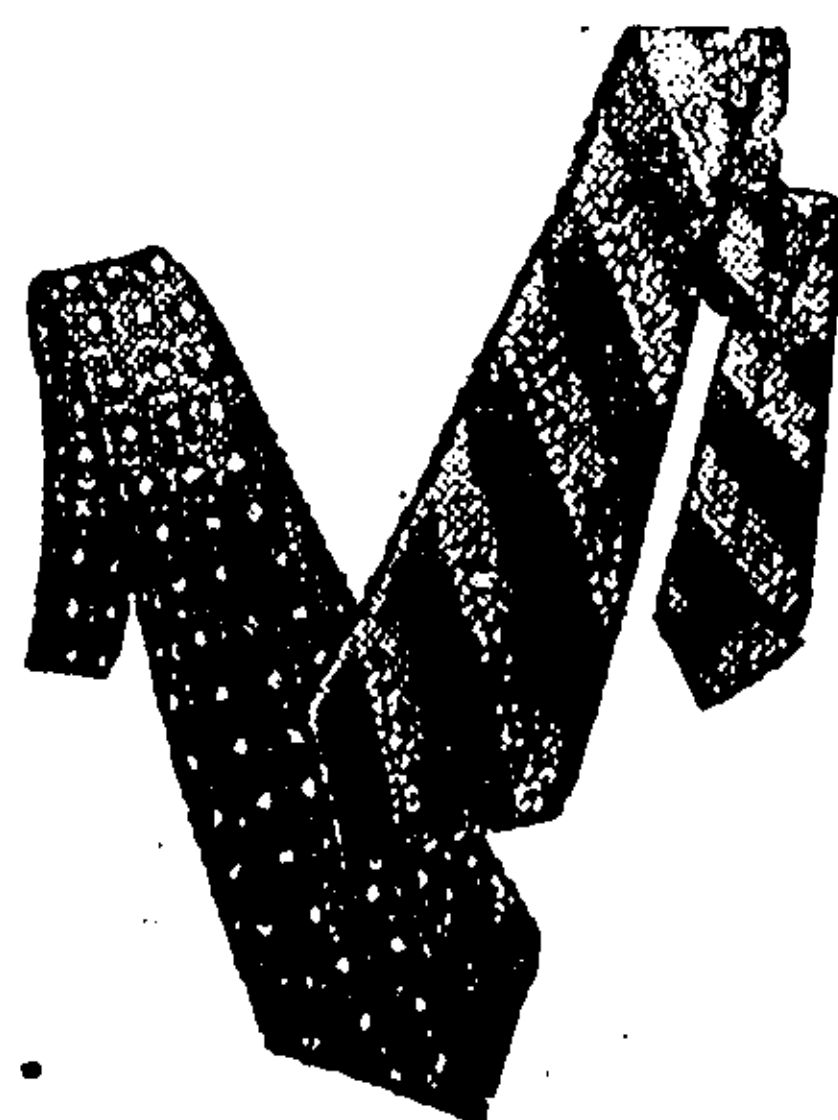
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MANY UNIQUE FEATURES An Underground Stream

WINDSOR HOUSE, Hong Kong's newest and one of the finest office buildings, is not only a completely modern eight-storey structure but includes a large number of unique features, some of which are a result of the special peculiarities of the site, while others are based on a study of the needs of such buildings in Hong Kong.

The architects, Messrs. Leigh and Orange, of which firm Mr. J. E. Potter, A.R.I.B.A., was principally responsible, had not only to take into consideration such things as an underground stream and a network of drains and cables but also had to allow for the difference in the levels of Des Voeux and Queen's Roads, as it is proposed eventually to extend the building over what is now the St. Francis Hotel, making a huge and roughly U shaped structure.

The bulk of the building, which at the moment runs some 20 feet further back than the Exchange Building next door, is taken up with the usual offices, all of which are already occupied.

Special Needs

Special arrangements, however, had to be made to cater to the needs of three occupiers. The Dairy Farm, whose premises take up the ground and mezzanine floors in front, the Newspaper Enterprise, Limited, whose printing machinery and offices occupy the same floors at the back, away from the noises of the street; and a large Ballroom, owned by Gray Brothers, on the top floor.

No less than 338 concrete piles, the majority of them between 30 and 40 feet in length, were driven in below the level of the pile capping, which in many places is below the basement foundation of old buildings formerly on the site of what is now Windsor House.

This old pile capping was of slabs on a bed of lime and cement concrete.

Below Sea Level

Excavation was frequently below sea-level and this, together with the fact that an underground stream from the upper levels runs across the site, made pumping necessary at all times. In addition, there were variations in the water levels as the tides rose and fell, together with great variation after the exceptionally heavy rains which prevailed almost throughout construction.

The level of the basement floor was laid four feet above the ordnance datum, and, with the experience of typhoons and floods in former years in the Colony, the architects made arrangements for the whole of the basement to be very carefully water-proofed. A water-proof membrane makes the whole basement into a vast tank; a reinforced layer of concrete on the floor resists upward

pressure, while a protective skin of brick has been applied to the walls.

The difficulties of piling and excavation were not, however, confined to the problem of water. There was a veritable network of electric and telephone cables, 80 pipes and sewers, in the lane adjoining the Exchange Building and on the Des Voeux Road frontage.

In addition, constant attention

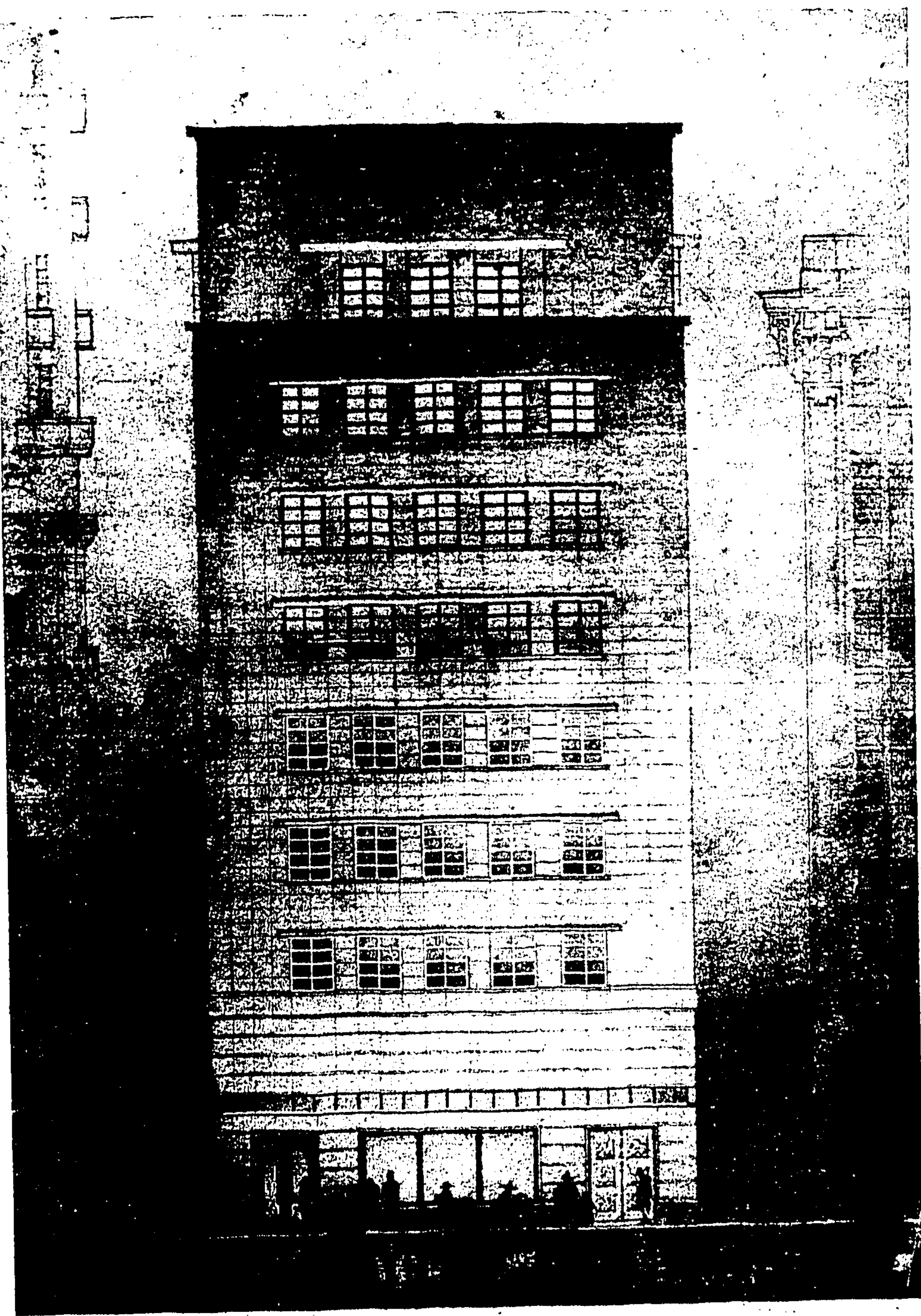
was required to the main drain taking the outfall from the St. Francis Hotel, Marina House and the Exchange Building, owing to fractures following subsidence.

Turning to the structure proper, the building is of reinforced concrete frame construction. Except on the Des Voeux Road frontage, the walls are monolithic, the space between the rows of windows being a reinforced concrete beam bearing the floor load.

The roof is constructed of a reinforced concrete truss, which serves the dual purpose of efficiently insulating the upper floor from the heat of a summer sun and also allows the top floor to be free of internal columns — an important consideration in view of the cabaret there.

The windows on the Des Voeux Road frontage, incidentally, are recessed and protected by a concrete

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An architect's sketch of Windsor House.

A NEW ENTERPRISE Soda Fountain Restaurant

BY their removal to Windsor House, The Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., have added yet another milestone to their history—a history which has had "Progress" as its watch-word.

With the continued expansion of the Company's activities, the administrative offices of the Company at 2, Lower Albert Road, dating back to 1899, had for a considerable period been inadequate. While a change was desirable it was realized that if such were to take place it would be more fitting to secure premises in a central location in the City for both office and shop. Suitable premises to house both were not immediately procurable in the central district and so in 1933 the Company opened a down town branch at 13 Queen's Road, Central. Since that time this branch has served a very necessary and useful purpose and was greatly appreciated by customers of the Company.



A general view of the Dairy Farm's new restaurant, showing the soda fountain.

THE Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co.'s scheme for the Windsor House premises provided the Company with the opportunity which they had had in mind of having their offices and shop in the one building.

Arrangements were accordingly completed for the renting of the Ground Floor, Mezzanine and Basement of Windsor House.

Situated on the Mezzanine Floor are the well appointed ad-

ministrative offices of the Company.

ON the Ground Floor a large section has been taken up with the display in McCray electrically refrigerated units of everything a person could wish for in the way of Food. These units are of very latest design and should prove of the greatest assistance to customers in selecting their requirements. This

method of display is that adopted by leading Food providers all over the World.

A wide selection of Tinned Goods will be found on display in the Provisions Department, where toilet & household Soaps and other household requisites may be purchased.

ANOTHER feature of the store will be the Bakery & Confectionery Department. In a

section of their former offices at 2 Lower Albert Road, the Company have installed a modern Bakery equipped with the latest type equipment from the United States, and the Company now offers a variety of Breads, small Cakes, etc., etc., and will feature a Milk Bread, the Milk coming from their fine herd of Dairy Cows at Pokfulam. The Company are also Agents for two well

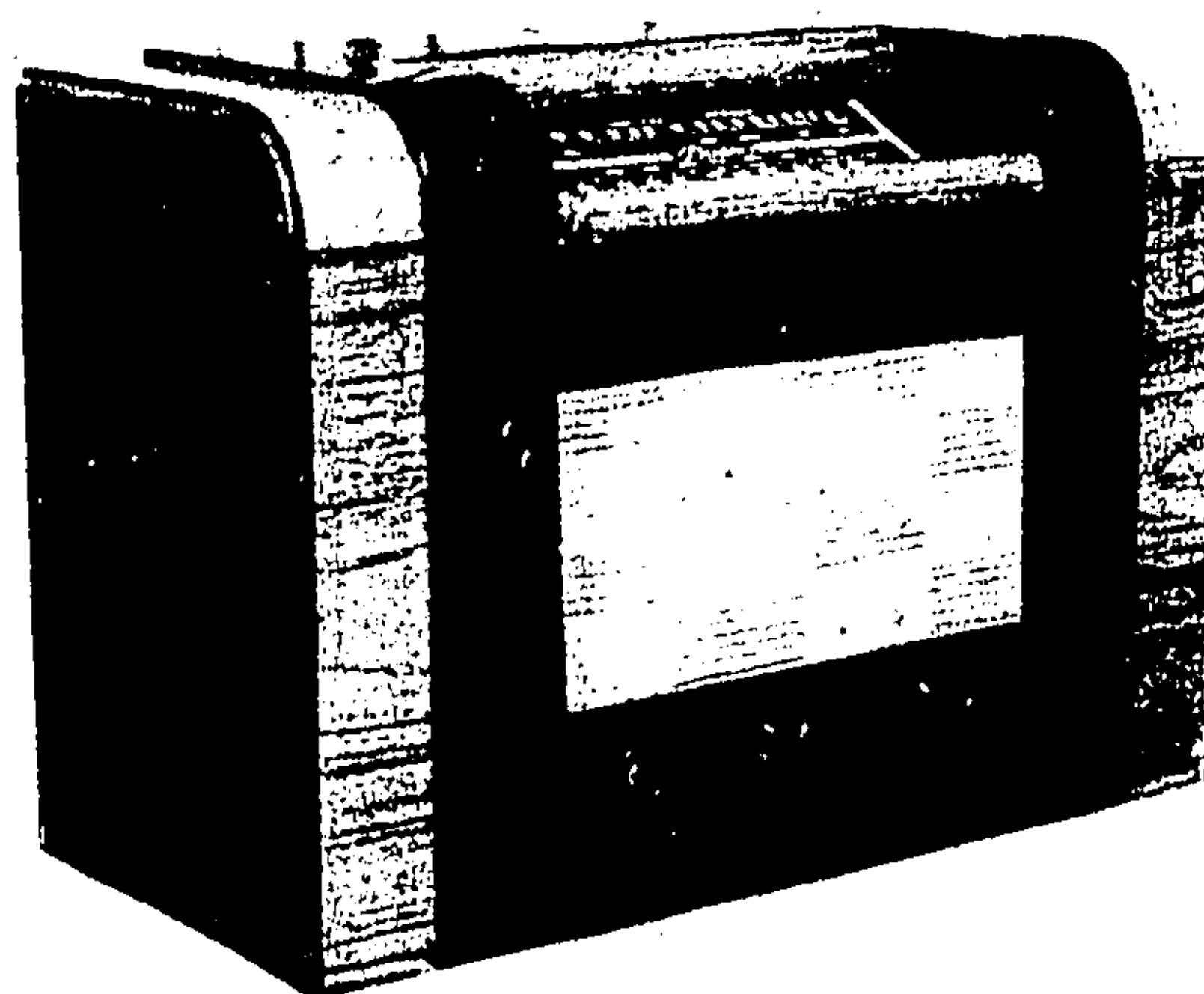
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MANY UNIQUE FEATURES

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crete slab in order to obtain some of the conditions of present verandahs: the absence of glare and direct sunlight and no heat, as well as enabling the windows to be kept open during heavy rain.

An example of the ingenuity displayed in designing the building is provided by the office windows, although to the layman they may at first sight appear to be just ordinary windows.

Each window, however, is actually divided into three sections. The upper section is hung and can be pulled out, enabling it to be left open during the frequent heavy summer rains.

The middle and lower sections open in the ordinary way, and provides general ventilation of the office during still day.

Window Features

But office workers will particularly appreciate the bottom section of the window, for this section eliminates almost perfectly one of the big beams of paper work during gusty weather, when one wants to keep a much of the window open as possible and at the same time maintain some semblance of order among the papers on the desks.

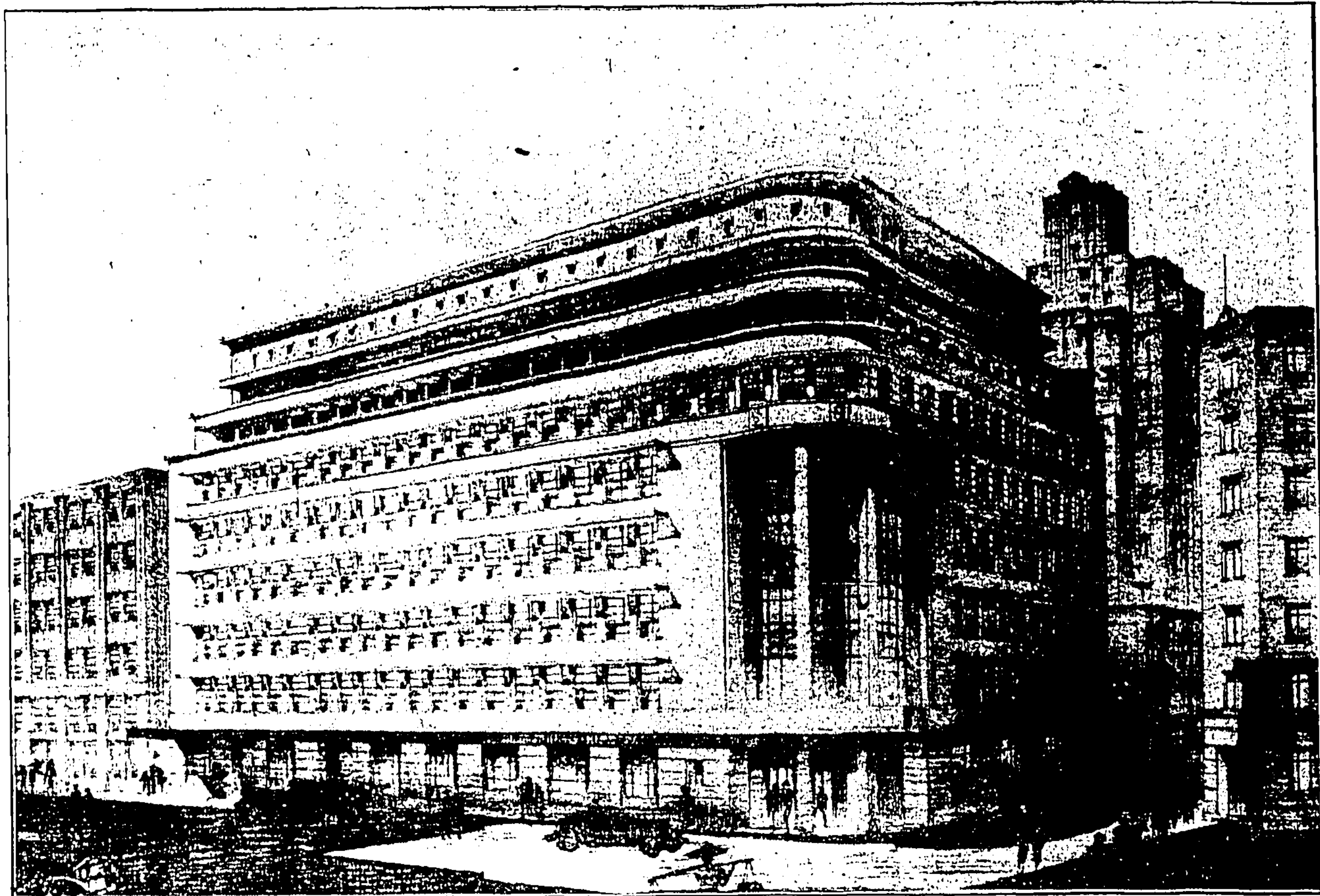
This bottom section is hinged along its lower edge and falls inward. This effectively deflects the gusts of wind and sheet them up towards the ceiling, instead of blowing directly onto the desks and scattering the papers on it to the four corners of the room.

Steel windows have been used throughout, and before leaving the workshops each window was treated with sand-blasting, following which metallic zinc was immediately sprayed on under pressure.

The zinc is thus blown into the pores of the steel, opening it to the sand blasting and helping to keep away corrosion.

Four Lifts

There are four lifts to act three passenger lifts at the front.



Although The Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., has not yet decided upon the immediate rebuilding of Nos. 11, 13 & 15A Queen's Road Central, drawings are being prepared to enable the work to be put in hand without delay as soon as the scheme is considered advisable.

Messrs. Leigh & Orange have been entrusted with the work and the elevation reproduced shows the edifice that it is hoped will replace ultimately St. Francis Hotel and up to the south-west corner of Lee House Street.

This building will be joined to the back of Windsor House forming one large "L" shaped block.

The present idea is to lay out the ground floor in either a series of three bank premises or one large bank at the corner with a smaller one to the west.

and a messenger-and-coolie lift at the back, with entrance to the latter from the lane adjoining the Exchange Building.

The passenger lift operates at the rate of 350 feet a minute and serve all floors. Totally enclosed, they are equipped with up-to-date selective control gear to minimise delays in unnecessary stops.

The messenger-and-coolie lift is unique in the Colony in that each stop serves two floors, the lift arriving at a special lobby half-way between the floors—First and Second, Second and Third and so on.

Brainchild

This arrangement is the brainchild of the architects, incidentally, and no other building in Hong Kong is so equipped. It is intended to afford an economy in stops and is also designed to keep messengers and coolies off the main corridor and landings while waiting for the lift.

The latter suggests itself as the more attractive provided one of the local financial institutions can take up such an extensive area as would cover the corner site.

Upwards from the first to the sixth floors, office accommodation will be provided and great planning care is being exercised in the direction of light, also ventilation.

The general principles of Windsor House will be continued as regards method of construction.

Under existing conditions of high constructional costs which may be expected to obtain several years after the war is over, a large rebuilding scheme of this nature calls for much thought and no decision is likely to be reached until the cost of such has been carefully investigated. This is being done.

Time alone will show the value or otherwise of this idea, but, to date anyway, the scheme appears to be operating very satisfactorily.

The main entrance hall is lined with marble, with bronze skirtings, cappings and linings to openings.

The lift lobbies were to have been lined with travertine marble with bronze trim, but owing to War interference with supplies, pre-cast terrazzo slabs have been substituted for the travertine.

Teak parquet, laid in bitumen, is used for a floor covering in all offices and corridors.

Lavatory accommodation is grouped together on the western side of the building, affording economy in pipes and drains. The lavatory blocks have mosaic tile floors and wall linings.

The flushing water supply is secured from two wells sunk below the basement floor. Another special feature here—The wells also serve to relieve the ground water pressure—on the water-proofing membrane of the basement floor.

Facing Slabs

To return to the outside of the building.

The structure is faced with pre-cast reinforced slabs two inches thick, the front face consisting of half an inch (in thickness) "Stipplecrete" coloured cement and crushed limestone chip-pings, on a backing of fine concrete reinforced with a mat of galvanised wire mesh.

Where the slabs are on concrete columns and beams they were used as shuttering when pouring concrete, with the wires from the reinforcing mattress draped round the steel reinforcement of the building. On the other hand, where the slabs are on the brick backing they were bedded in three-quarters of an inch of water-proofed cement mortar.

One final "unique feature," which was brought about owing to the difference in the levels of

Des Voeux Road and Queen's Road.

Height Of Floors

The height of the ground floor was ruled by the height of the floors in the future continuation of the building in Queen's Road and Lee House Street. It was obviously necessary to keep the upper floors at the same level throughout the building, and when allowance was made for the correct heights in Queen's Road it was found that an extra seven feet was added to the height of the ground floor in Des Voeux Road.

This enabled a mezzanine floor to be inserted in the present half of the building, giving accommodation for a soda fountain-café operated by the Dairy Farm.

The ground floor, mezzanine and sixth floors are air-conditioned by the tenants, arrangements for this having been incorporated in the original plans for the building. The machinery for the air-conditioning of the ground and mezzanine floors is situated in the water-proof basement.

The Constructors

Contractors for Windsor House were:—

General Contract—Sung Kee Company.

Piling—Vibro Piling Company. Sanitary and Fire Installation—Dodwell & Company.

Electrical Installation—Wm. C. Jack & Company.

Plastering—Simplex Gypsum Products, Ltd.

Water-Proofing of Basement—Reiss Bradley & Co.

Patent Roofing—"Cerainteed"—Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd.

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Pre-Cast Facing Slabs—Cathay Ceramics (H.K.), Ltd.

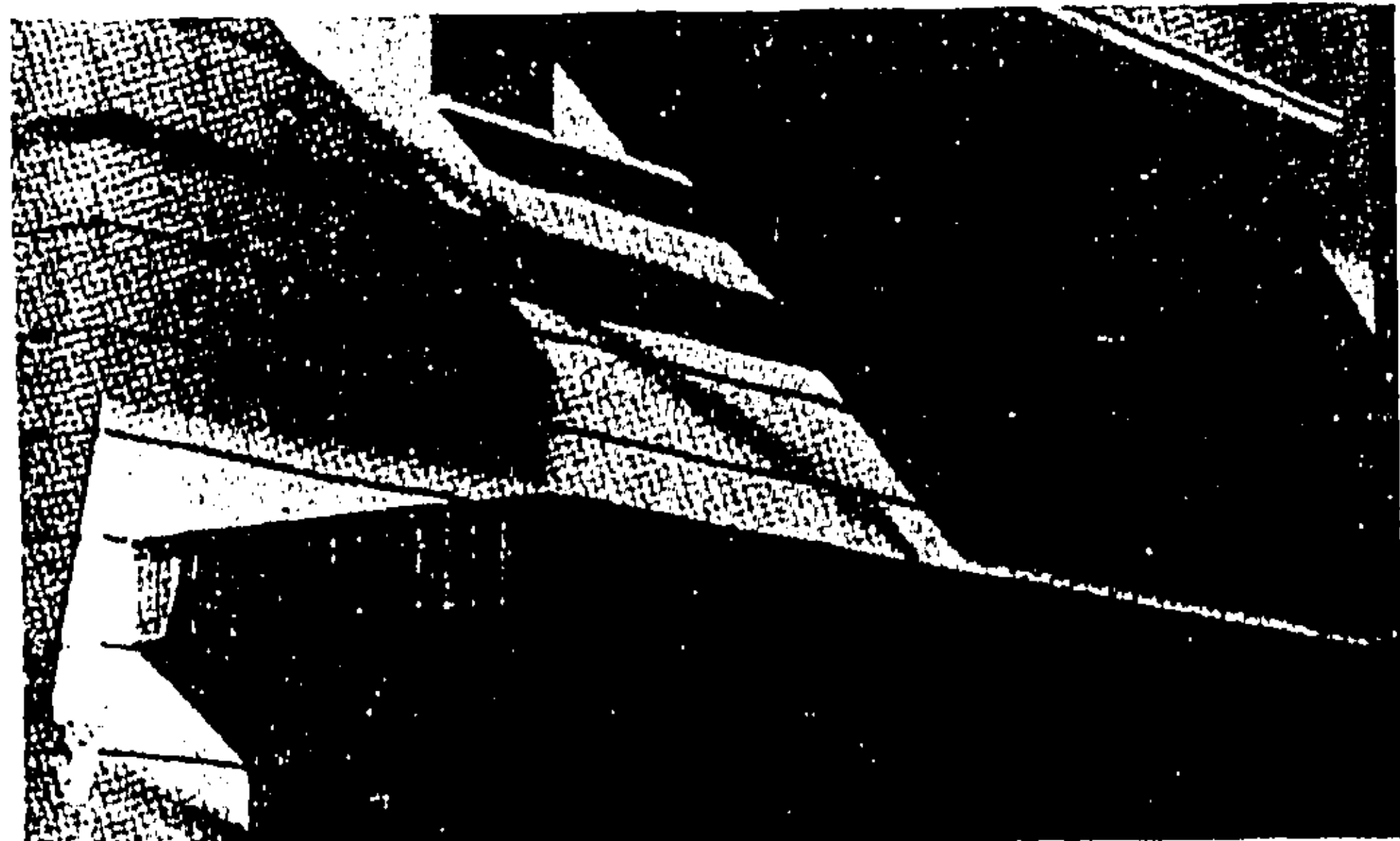
Marble and Bronze Work—R. Bigazzi.

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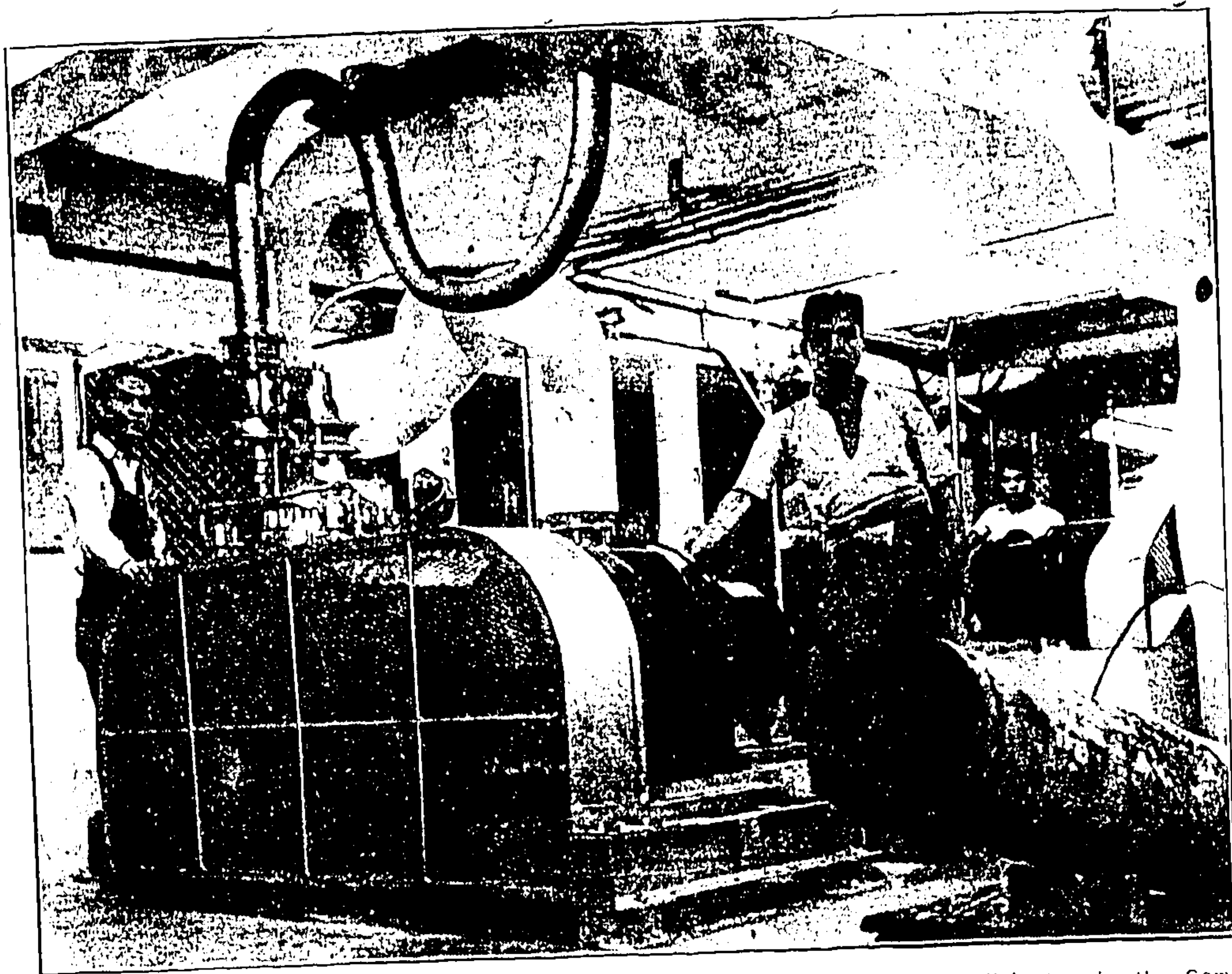
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known Confectionery Manufacturers MacRobertsons of Melbourne, Australia, and The Henningsen Produce Co., of Shanghai.

By arrangement the flowers of the Clover Flower Shop will be displayed for sale in the store, as well as Cigarettes, Tobacco & Smokers' Requisites from Messrs. Tabacqueria Filipina. For the convenience of the ladies, Beauty Preparations by Max Factor will also be on sale as from 1st May. Yet another display in the

store will be the wide range of Wines & Spirits carried by the well-known local firm of Caldebeck, MacGregor & Co., Ltd.

OFF the Main Store, with entrance from the lane between Windsor House and Exchange Building, is a supplementary annexe in which is a combination of departments, and it is from here that customers' messengers will be served. Service from this annexe will also be available for customers at times when the Main Store is closed for business. In the Basement, under the Main Store, is located the Cold Store with its necessary equipment. Here also is the plant for operating the air conditioning in the Offices, Soda Fountain and Main Store.

WE would require considerable space to describe adequately the many novel and beautiful features that have been combined to make the new Dairy Farm Soda Fountain Restaurant one of the very best reasons for regular visits to the new emporium.

It is obvious that the greatest of care and thought has been given to the minutest detail, with particular reference to the high hygienic requirements, in designing something which is so entirely new in the realm of food and drink services for this Colony.

THIS "American Style" snack service has quickly found favour in the leading cities of the world, and its introduction here must likewise meet a popular demand.

The mere fact of being able to partake, in the form of light meals, the delicious foods so tastefully displayed and sold from the food counters in the main store, will in itself prove refreshingly welcome to even the most fastidious epicurean.

The opportunity given us of viewing the attractive menu, which includes a wine list, was final proof of the assured popularity of Hong Kong's newest and most up-to-date restaurant, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.

An added attraction will be Raymond Lee and his Hawaiian Trio, who will be in attendance on Mondays at 4.45 p.m.; Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 10.30 a.m.

THE attractive furniture and woodwork was constructed from local and Empire woods, being designed by Messrs. Leigh and Orange and manufactured by Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.

The modern and up-to-date Soda Fountain equipment, including the model Coffee-making, Sandwich and Waffle Baking Units, as well as the latest type Food Storage, Ice-cream and Bottle-Cooling Refrigerators were imported from foremost manufacturers in the United States of America.

WE were particularly impressed with the unusually pleasing design of the crockery and silverware. These fine examples of table appointments were imported from the English houses of Messrs. Josiah Wedgwood and the Elkington Company respectively.

The artistic flower display by the Clover Flower Shop and the combined beauty of the entire interior decorative scheme makes for a soothing restfulness in every sense of the word.

SUMMARY 54TH ANNUAL REPORT 1940

Insurance in force (Including Deferred Annuities)	£124,227,092
New Insurance (Including Deferred Annuities)	10,340,033
Assets	39,055,141
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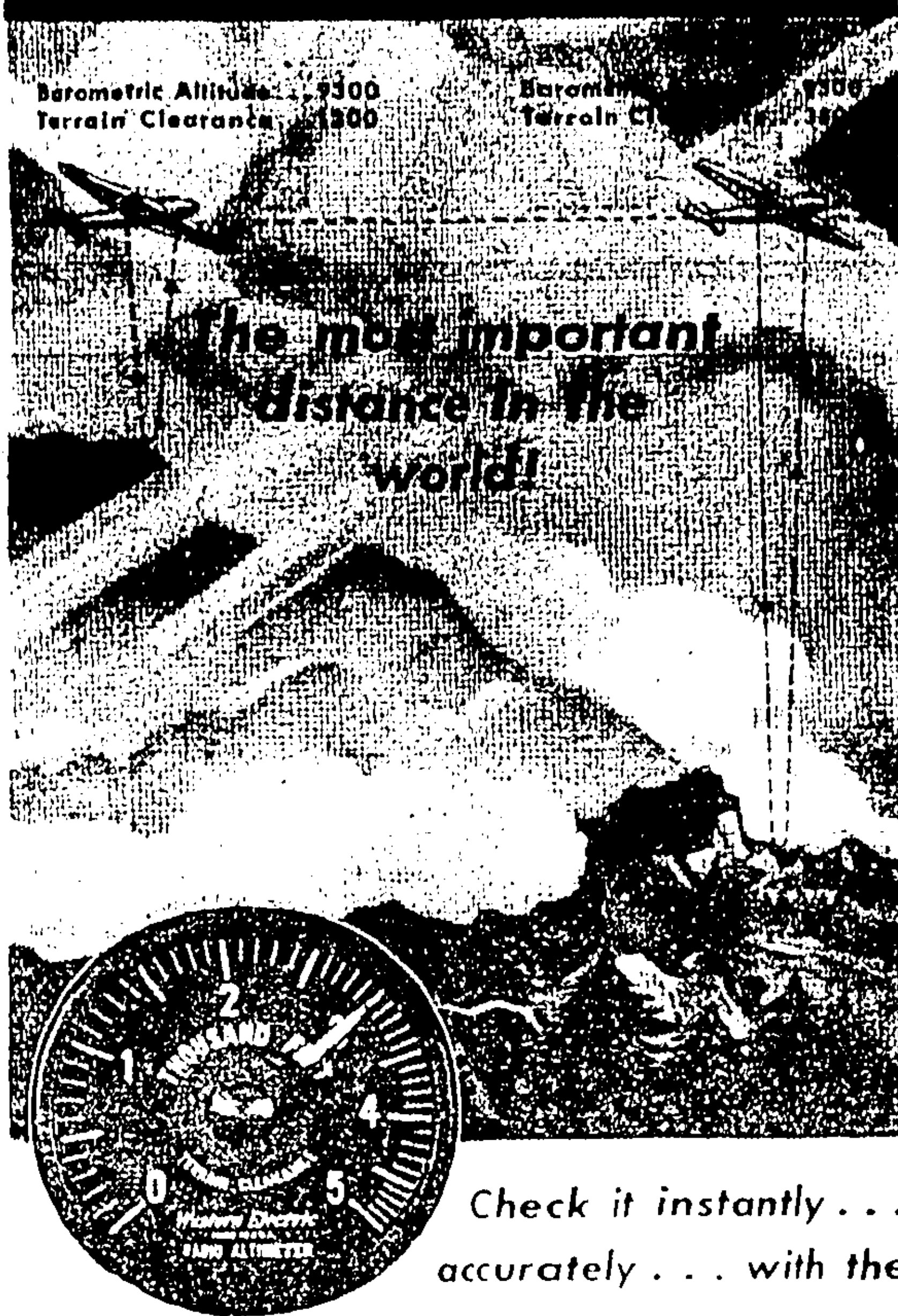
To-day the firm is able to count many large connections in America, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere.

Through a wise policy of conserving its earnings, the Associated Produce Company has had the opportunity to expand and in this respect the firm has been able to secure controlling interests in some feather factory and shipping company.

Actively directing the future of the firm are N. C. Horne, S. L. Shum and H. P. Ho, the first being the Senior co-partner and the others co-partners. All these co-partners have wide and long practical experiences in the export trade.

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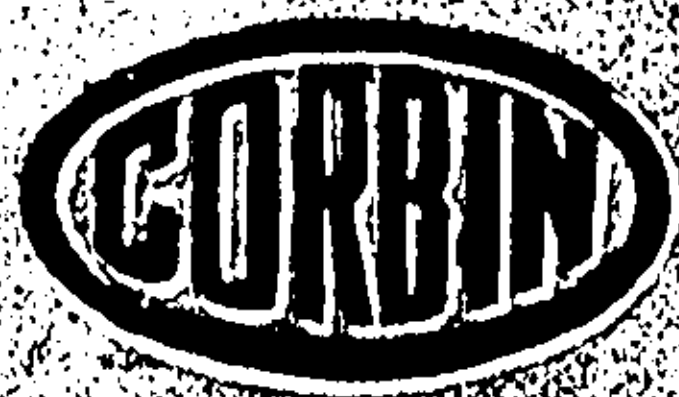
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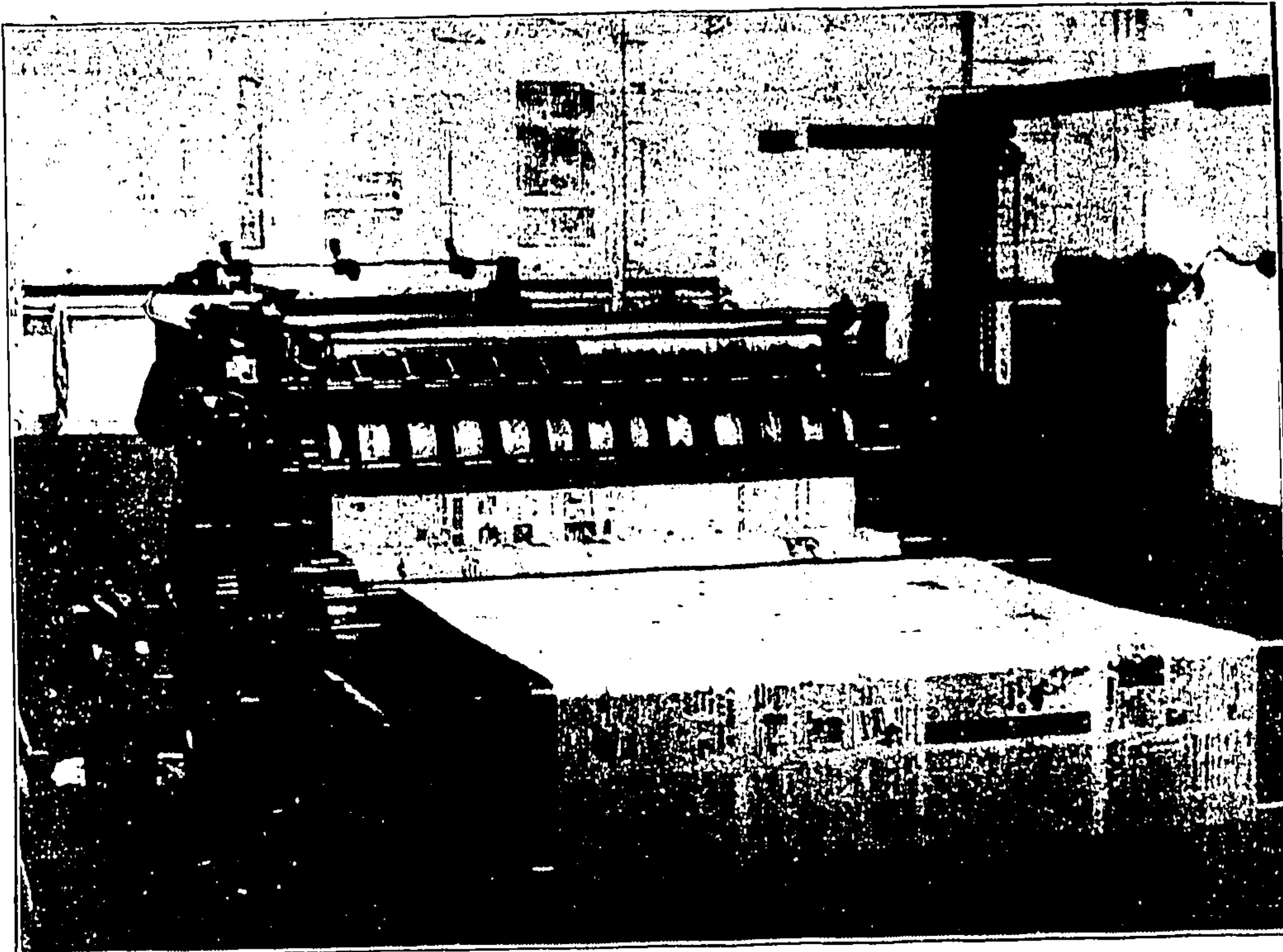
It would be false modesty were this souvenir, marking the completion, by the opening of the main shop of the Dairy Farm, of the present-day Windsor House, permitted to appear without some reference to the "China Mail" and The Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.

Part of the building was designed specifically to meet the special need of the printing plant of The Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., and we were in fact the first occupant of the building, the transfer from Wyndham Street taking place in July, long before the greater part of the building was completed.

The transfer of the printing plant from Wyndham Street to the new building was a difficult task, and it was not until the end of the year that the transfer was completed.

The process of transfer was not an easy one, but it was tackled expertly, and it was a great tribute to the skill and ability of the staff of the Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., who accepted responsibility for transfer of the machinery, that Linotype machines which at 3 a.m. on Sunday were setting type for the "Sunday Herald" were by midnight the same day already in operation preparing "copy" for the following day's "China Mail".

The change over was, of course, tremendously facilitated by the fact that a new printing press, the Duplex Rotary, had already been installed in Windsor House, to come into operative use for the first time when the transfer took



The Duplex Rotary Press at the end of a day's run.

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For the "China Mail" tabloid size a special device is attached

to the machine, providing a clean cut at the top of the page, and enables a complete issue of the "China Mail" to be turned out by the machine, ready immediately for the street, in a single operation.

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Even Speed

In this way the paper is fed into the press at an even speed and drawn out at an even pace, stopping whilst the fourth of a page is being printed. The paper then travels at double the speed through the press, stopping again for another impression and so on.

Introduction of this machine permitted numerous immediate improvements to be effected in the lay-out of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald".

The "China Mail", already printed for some time as a tabloid, was enabled to increase the number of its columns from four to five, and the striking advance in the general appearance which resulted was instantly appreciated, both by readers and advertisers. Column length was increased, page arrangement was changed to advantage, improvement, which without this duplex would not have been possible.

The "Sunday Herald" later went to eight columns to the page, with a column width in harmony with the "China Mail" and again the result has fully justified the experiment.

The "China Mail"

No useful purpose would be served furnishing, in a publica-

tion of this type, a long history of the paper. It is sufficient to say, perhaps, that the history of the Press in Hong Kong is inseparably linked with the history of the "China Mail".

Three English papers actually started publication in the Colony before the "China Mail" but it was the "China Mail" alone that survived, and it can claim continuous publication since February 20, 1845, four years after the establishment of the Colony.

From the very outset, the "China Mail" has played a vital part in the life of the community, though it has naturally been exalted and has just jogged

local editor was prosecuted, some of them going to prison. Editors were then outspoken in a manner which to-day would be deemed "vulgar and scurrilous," although as more than one historian has recorded, now that the passage of time has enabled a clearer view to be taken of the picture as a whole, there was much in the early life of this Colony that called for blunt, forthright comment and criticism.

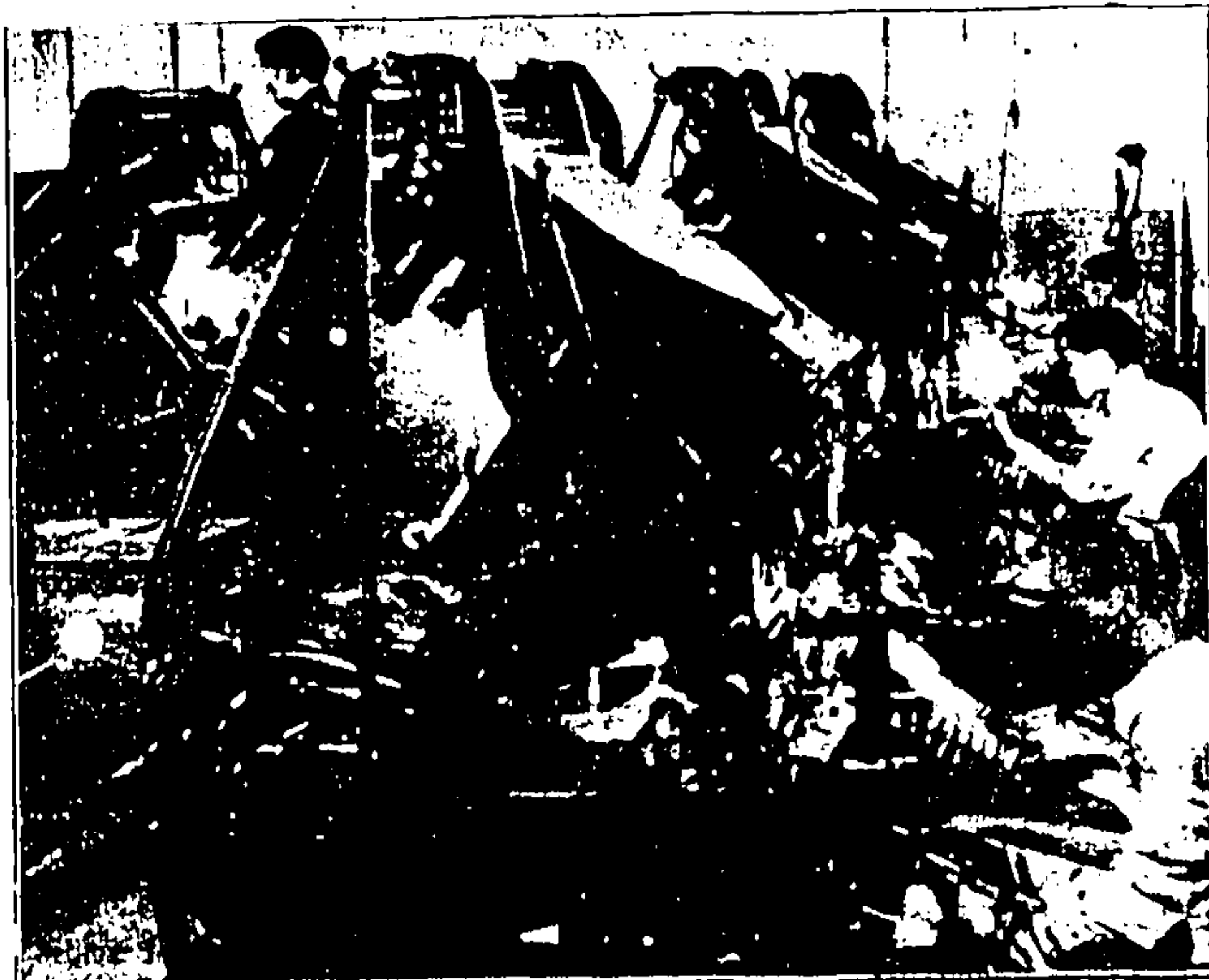
For instance, Mr. W. H. Donald, one of the former editors of the "China Mail" wrote that the boxing administration was "a disgrace to the British name."

The editor of the "China Mail" were several times singled out for attack, and two years after the birth of the journal, Mr. Shonfide, its editor, was the victim of a prosecution so vexatious that even the Crown Prosecutor refused to have anything to do with it.

No Favours

For some eight years, the "China Mail" was the official organ of the Colony, exclusively publishing all Government notifications. This privilege, however, did not prevent the paper from criticising the Government as freely and as honestly as it enjoyed no favours, and because of this the Government started its own journal in 1853, the "Government Gazette."

Offsprings of the "China Mail" are the "Overland China Mail" (containing the week's news) and the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald", which has the largest circulation of any English paper in South China.



A battery of linotype machines in the printing establishment of Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.

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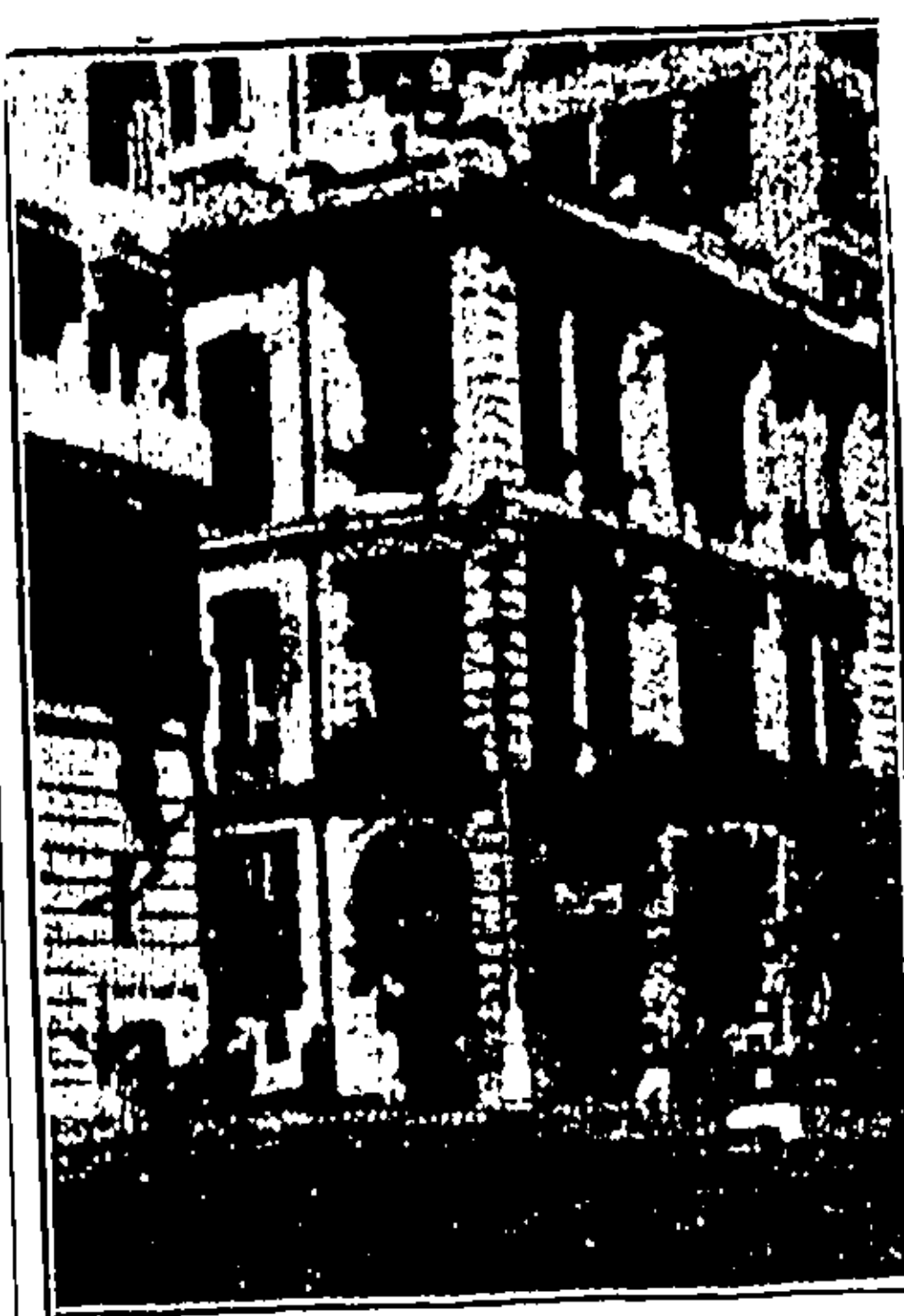
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Bangkok and Hong Kong.**Problem
Of
External
Finish**One of the most interesting
features of the construction of
Windsor House, both from the
viewpoint of building technique
and final appearance, was the ex-
ternal finish chosen by the
Architects.This is of a type greatly favour-
ed in Great Britain and intro-
duced for the first time to the
Colony by Messrs. Leigh and
Orange.The finish consists of decorati-
vely treated pre-cast concrete
slabs which result in a clean-cut
surface of outstanding appearance.The slabs were pre-cast in
suitable moulds, from materials
supplied by the Green Island Ce-
ment Company, and allowed for
1 1/2" ordinary 13 concrete mix
and an additional 1/2" of facing
mixture consisting of one part of
colored concrete and 1 1/2 parts of stone
chips.Reinforcing, chiefly specially
designed 1 3/8" in. diam. mesh
panels with wire ties attached
was used to ensure strength and
to assist stability during erection.The face up method was used
throughout and credit is due to
the manufacturers, Messrs.
Cathay Ceramics (H.K.) Ltd. that
in spite of some 680 different
shapes and sizes, all surface
finishes are monolithic with the
backing.The number of such slabs in the
building is approximately 11,500
covering an area of 50,000 square
feet.To produce them 168 drums of
colored concrete and 150 bags of Green
Island cement were used in their
manufacture and erection. Some of
the slabs, especially around the
front entrance and the first win-
dow arch, weighed up to 700 lbs.The slabs were erected in
courses, in the position they had
to occupy on the face of the build-
ing, then points were grouted and
close fitting wood battens kept
them braced whilst the concrete
wall was being cast behind them.It is an outstanding feature of
this system when used in concrete
structures that the slabs act as
formwork as well as providing a
smooth, hard, durable surface,
monolithic with the structural
work.The General Contractor found
that there was actually a consider-
able saving in buttressing and time
by this system. From the mezz-
anine to the top floor, the rate
of progress averaged at ten days
per floor.**COTTON
TRADING**The Japan Cotton Trading
Company, Ltd. (Nippon Men Kwa
Kabushiki Kaisha) who occupy
offices on the first floor of Wind-
sor House, first opened for busi-
ness in the Colony in 1913, at No.
2, Connaught Road.For a brief period, between 1936
and 1939, the Hong Kong branch
was closed, but the Company re-
opened in 1939 at No. 2, Chater
Road, and removed to Windsor
House as soon as their new quar-
ters were ready, in September,
1940.The principal business done by
the Company is in cotton yarn,
piecegoods and other textiles,
although at one time they did a
large business in rice with their
own mill in Rangoon.The Company has branches all
over the world and deals in all
kinds of sundry goods, in addition
to its main business.**Construction
Supervisor**Mr. W. J. Morris, who super-
vised the construction of Windsor
House for the H.K. Land Invest-
ment and Agency Company, Ltd.,
was also supervisor of construction
of Holland House and Marina
House.He is a native of Englefield
Green, Surrey, and has been with
the Land Investment Company
since 1925.At the peak period during the
construction of Windsor House,
well over 300 employees of vari-
ous contractors were working at
one time.What the building formerly on
the site of Windsor House looked
like. Known as the White House,
its appearance compared with the
new building gives an idea of the
pioneers in the Colony's since the
1880's.**BOSCO
RADIO
ADVANCE**One of the most enterprising of
radio receiving apparatus manu-
facturers is the Bosco Radio Cor-
poration, which occupies office
and a showroom on the first floor
of Windsor House.Established in 1936 with a small
office in Happy Valley, the com-
pany prospered by leaps and
bounds and soon became one of
the foremost radio dealers in the
Colony.In 1937 they moved into Hol-
land House and in September last
year occupied their present offices
in Windsor House.Just eighteen months ago the
Bosco Radio Corporation were
only selling agents for Westing-
house Radio Receiving Sets and
Philco Refrigerators, but when
Government imposed restrictions
on the import of radio sets which
affected their business, they em-
barked upon the manufacture of
their own radio receiving sets,
and their products have already
become well known in the mar-
ket.They are also manufacturers of
"Inter Department Phone" ap-
paratus.Their products are manufactur-
ed and assembled in their work-
shops on the Island and the
mainland.Then radios are made special-
ly for Hong Kong's climatic con-
ditions, and only the best of ma-
terials go into their products
which are reasonably priced and
are on view in their attractive
showroom on the first floor of
Windsor House.The Bosco Radio Corporation are
sole selling agents for Westing-
house Radios, and sub-agents for
Philco Domestic Refrigerators,
Yorkshire Air Conditioners, and
Super Cold Commercial Refrig-
erators.They have branches at Shanghai,
Canton and Macao, and have
agents in Chicago, Toronto, Bris-
bane, Johannesburg, Belsize, B.H.,
and Port-of-Spain, B.W.I.**Heavy
Pumping
Task**The extent of the water
problem connected with
the construction of Wind-
sor House may be gauged
from the fact that over
1,500,000 gallons of water
were pumped from the
foundations and base-
ment during the erection.Three pumps with a total ca-
pacity of 3,000 gallons an hour
were employed, and frequently
they pumped out as much as
20,000 gallons in a day.The task was complicated by
the heavy rains of last Spring.The floors were erected at un-
usually rapid pace—an average
of ten days per floor—up to the
truss level of the roof in a race
against the rains, but before the
roof could be completed the heavy
rains came unexpectedly early
and obstructed the early com-
pletion of the lower floors in
numerous ways.Some 338 Vibro Piles averag-
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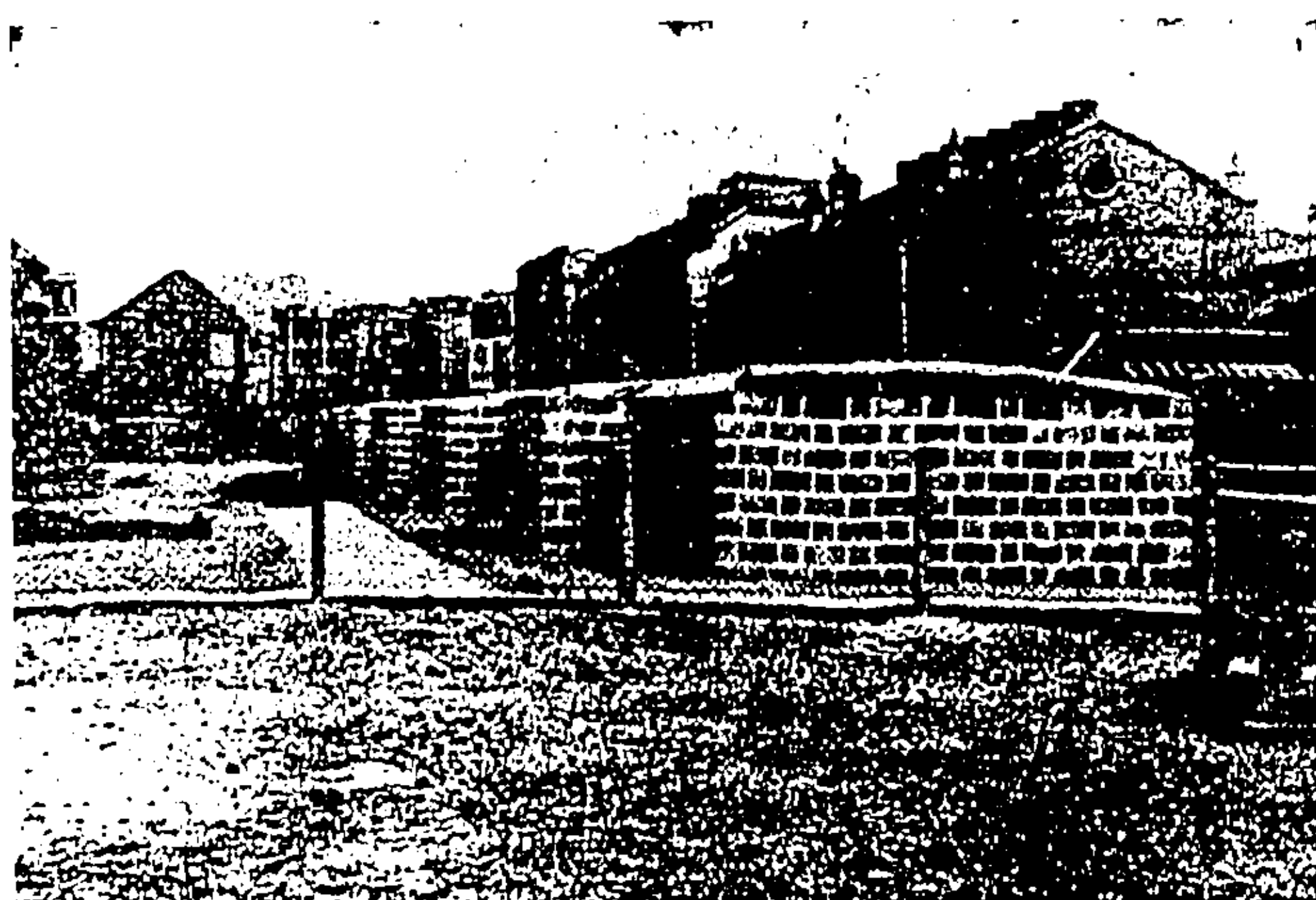
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THE PARAMOUNT BALLROOM

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No conspicuous neon-light sign-board indicates from where the music emanates, but ask anyone in town and the answer will be "That's the Paramount Ballroom."

Undoubtedly, the most up-to-date ballroom in South China, the Paramount Ballroom occupies most part of the top floor (the sixth) of Windsor House, and is operated by the Gray Bros. Enterprises, whose offices occupy that part of the same floor facing Des Voeux Road Central.

With seating accommodation for some 500 patrons, the Paramount Ballroom was opened on December 15 last year, and for weeks afterwards, night after night, hundreds of would-be patrons had perforce to be turned away owing to the crowds which flocked there within an hour of opening. Even now, the Paramount Ballroom is generally packed every night, providing ample testimony to its sustained popularity.

Said to be the only one of its kind in South China, the Paramount Ballroom possesses a spring dance floor—of parquet flooring—while it is furnished with modern upholstered chairs, lounge sofas, and steel-framed glass-top tables. The walls and ceiling have been simply but suitably decorated.

Most of the work executed in the ballroom, including the spring parquet flooring, was done by Chinese expert craftsmen imported from Shanghai.

Towards the end of this month the place will be air-conditioned, for the installation of the system will by then be complete. Incidentally, the only other air-conditioned cabaret ballroom in the Colony is the New Majestic Ballroom, also operated by the Gray Bros. Enterprises.

The orchestra—Fred Carpio and His Orchestra—was engaged from Manila and arrived in the Colony just in time—about an hour before the Paramount Ballroom was advertised to open.

From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. every night, some 70 beautiful and charming dance hostesses are in attendance, the majority being girls from Shanghai—personally selected by "Charlie" Gray himself.

Periodically, "Charlie" visits Shanghai and there acts as his own scout for beauty and talent among the many ballrooms in that city.



The view of the interior of the most up-to-date air-conditioned cabaret in the Colony, the Paramount Ballroom, operated by the Gray Bros. Enterprises, in Windsor House.



Miss Nancy Chu, Queen of the Paramount Ballroom. Starting from the very bottom rung of the ladder, Miss Chu, with her charming personality, and graceful dancing, has become the most popular of ballroom hostesses in the Colony.

At the entrance of the Paramount Ballroom, is a well-furnished and comfortable lobby where patrons may wait for friends before entering the ballroom.

Gray Bros. Enterprises also control the New Majestic Ballroom, the China Emporium Ballroom and the Cathay Ballroom, all located in the Central District, employing a total of some 300 dance hostesses. The majority from Shanghai. The orchestra consist of expert Filipino musicians, engaged from Manila and Shanghai. At the Cathay, there is the popular Pinky Pineda and His Orchestra, at the China Emporium, the latest arrival, Eddie Guzman and His Orchestra, and at the New Majestic, Pete Valderrani and His Orchestra.

Besides the ballroom business—which they virtually monopolise in Hong Kong—Gray Bros. Enterprises also control the Gray

Bros. Construction Company which was started in 1937 and the Central Meat and Dairy Supply Company, Limited, which was opened in August last year and incorporated under the Company's Ordinances.

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Miss Li Na, Queen of the Cathay Ballroom.

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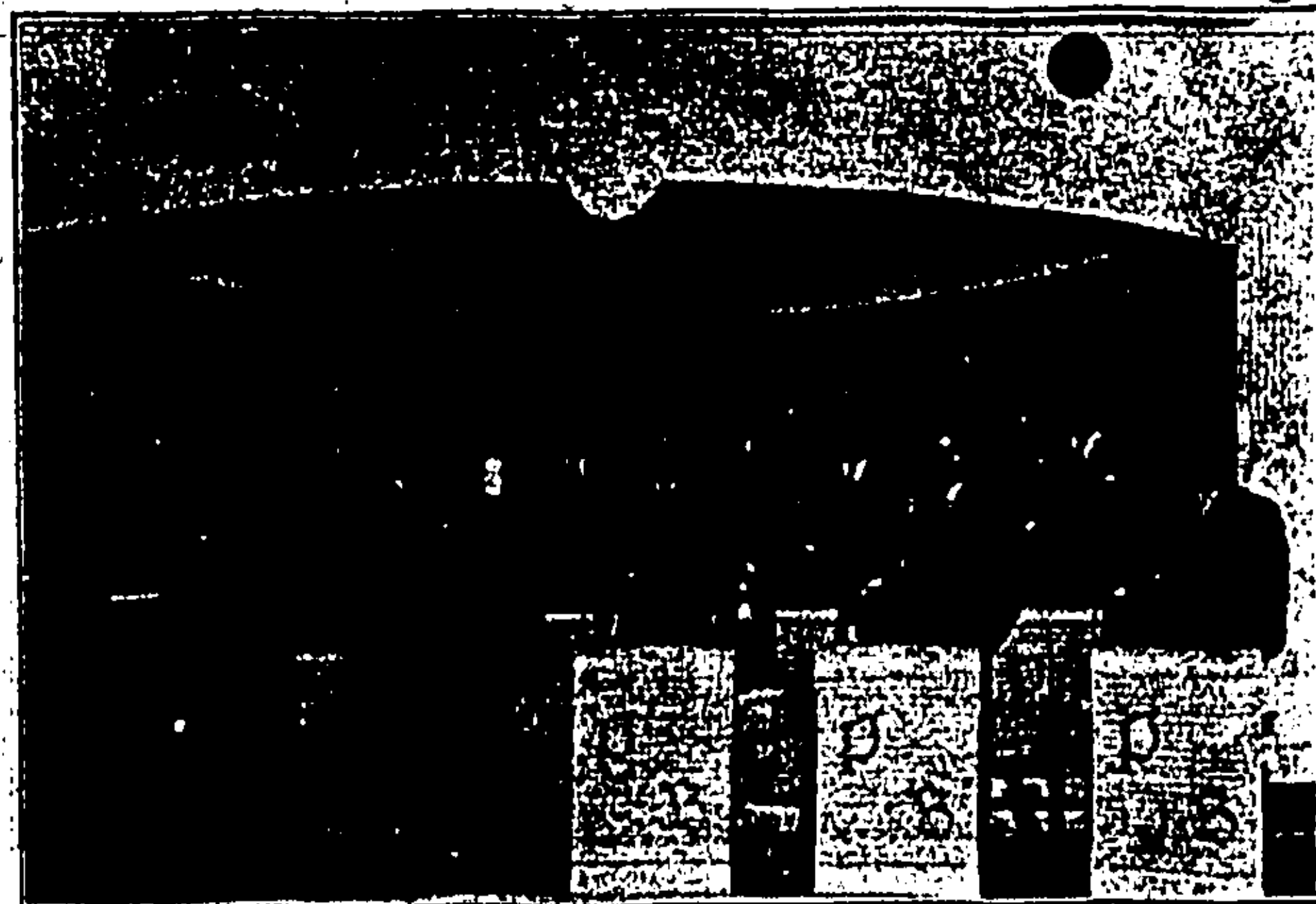
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and total payments to policyholders were £3,180,210.

The Chief Office for South China in Windsor House is under the management of Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, who is ably supported by a number of representatives who are well qualified to advise on all forms of Life Insurance, Annuities, Educational Policies, and modern Life Insurance generally.

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FIGHTING REARGUARD ACTIONS

Substantial Greece Withdrawal

RUMANIA CRISIS THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A decisive clash between General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, and the Iron Guard appears imminent.

Two Guardsmen were executed on Saturday and three on Friday, while Bucharest has been flooded with leaflets urging rebellion.

General Antonescu's position is regarded in Budapest as precarious, and it is doubted if he will continue to rely on German support.

It is rumoured the Germans found documents in the Yugoslav Foreign Office in Belgrade showing General Antonescu had secretly dealt with the late Yugoslav Government.

It is understood that the Rumanian Communists had joined the Iron Guard and are aiding terrorism in order to weaken the Government. Mass arrests are under way. — International News Service.

SPAIN GETTING FEVERISH

"Senor Suner (the Foreign Minister) made a statement on various aspects of the international situation relating to important military and diplomatic happenings of the present moment."

SO DECLARED AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER A TWO-DAY MEETING OF THE SPANISH CABINET ENDING ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Phalangist (Fascist) newspaper "Arriba" follows this up with an article somewhat reminiscent of others printed at times when Spain has faced political decisions.

"Arguments alien to the only foreign policy to which our destiny ties us cannot be considered," states the newspaper.

It adds that foreign affairs must be viewed in unity, and those who think otherwise are traitors and cowards. — Reuter.

FERMENTS OF EVIL DOMINANT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Pope, in an audience to student members of the Catholic Action organisation yesterday, told his listeners "The world is upset and torn by struggles and wars."

"In the present hour the ferments of evil seem to have overcome the ferments of God. Our duty is to show self-control." — International News Service.

LONDON SUFFERS SEVERELY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London is busy digging in the ruins caused by the furious German attack on Saturday night, which blasted museums, churches, town halls, schools and public shelters, wiped out whole families in one area and kindled great fires.

Reports trickling in hours after the night blitz indicate heavy damage after the Luftwaffe used tactics of sending waves of planes over the city, intermingling fire bombs and heavy explosives.

A NUMBER OF FIREMEN WHO STUCK TO THEIR POSTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE DEAD AND ARE STILL BURIED UNDER DEBRIS. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

THREE FORTS IN JAPANESE HANDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Wenchow, Ningpo and Haimen have been captured by Japanese forces, according to official Japanese claims in Shanghai. — International News Service.

Growing Violence In Air Struggle

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

EXACT PICTURE OF THE MILITARY SITUATION IN GREECE LAST NIGHT WAS DIFFICULT TO FORM, BEYOND THE FACT THAT THE ALLIED ARMY APPEARS TO BE MAKING A SUBSTANTIAL WITHDRAWAL, WITH PICKED TROOPS FIGHTING GRIM REARGUARD ACTIONS.

A Cairo announcement that the Germans have occupied Mount Olympus after its evacuation by the British Imperial Force, has been followed by a statement in London that the withdrawal is continuing.

Simultaneously with the bitter struggle on the ground, the tempo of the air war over Greece is speeding up to a new crescendo of ferocity.

All available Axis planes have been thrown into the struggle in hundreds, in an unsuccessful endeavour to turn what is now an orderly Allied withdrawal into a rout.

They are being severely mauled by relays of R.A.F. fighters who are in the air ceaselessly, protecting the retirement against the Stuka dive-bombers, while the bomber squadrons are pounding away mercilessly at the spearheads of the German advancing columns.

Heavy casualties are being inflicted on the Germans both from the air and by the troops engaged in a fighting retreat reminiscent of the retreat to Dunkirk.

No Details

No details are given in London regarding the extent of the scenes of the withdrawal, but authoritative circles in Cairo state that the British evacuation of Mount Olympus started from the shore line. — International News Service.

REOPENING OF BANKS POSTPONED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The four Chungking banks in Shanghai delayed their reopening, announced for to-day, though they are in receipt of instructions from Chungking to resume business despite terrorism.

Bank of China employees have moved from their quarters in the "badlands," next door to Gendarmerie headquarters. — International News Service.

VIRGINIO GAYDA YELLS DEFIANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "Giornale d'Italia" in Rome declares Italy will bomb Athens if it is militarily necessary, regardless of British "threats." — International News Service.

BRITISH ATTACK SOLLUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The British forces have attacked Sollum, held by Italo-German troops.

Berlin claims the attack was beaten off.

In Cairo it is announced that further German attacks on Tobruk have been repulsed. British naval units assisted the garrison in driving back an Italo-German mechanised attack. — International News Service.

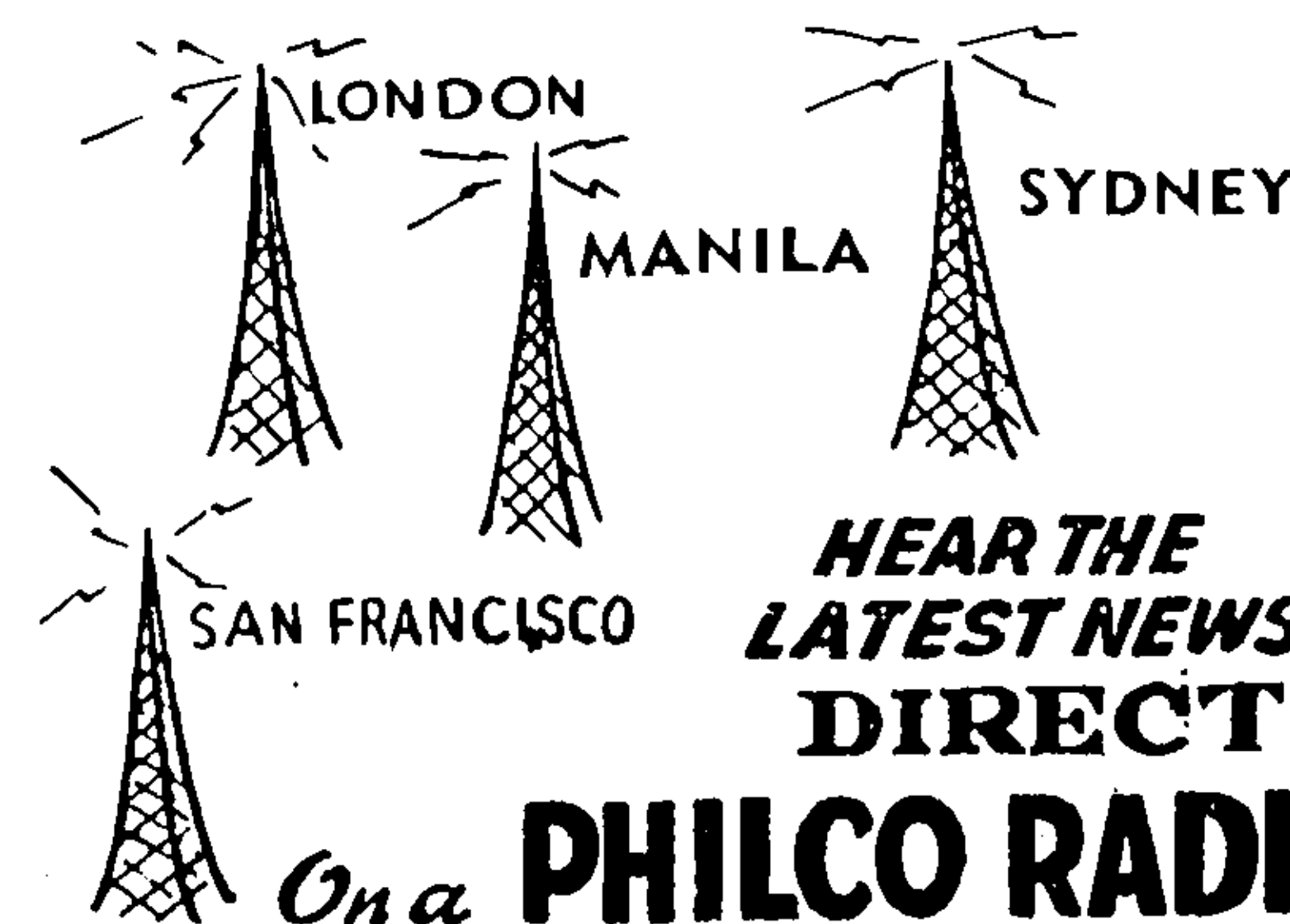
Germany by glowing promises of American help which never materialised. — International News Service.

A NEW SPANISH CUSTOM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The leading Spanish newspapers in Madrid yesterday charged the United States with responsibility for what they termed the "Yugoslavian tragedy."

The press proclaimed that Yugoslavia was led to resist



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BATTLE OF ATLANTIC RAGES ON

Two Of Germany's Three Ace U-Boat Captains End Their Career; First Lord's Revelations

Review Of Naval Situation

GERMANY HAS NOW LOST TWO OF HER THREE BEST U-BOAT ACES. THIS NEWS WAS GIVEN BY MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, SPEAKING OF SUCCESSES IN THE "UPS AND DOWNS" OF THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC AT TOTENHAM YESTERDAY.

Schepke, ace captain of U100, Mr. Alexander said, was dead. His submarine had gone to join U99, captained by another ace, Otto Kretschmer, who is now a prisoner.

Both captains had been decorated by Hitler with the oak leaf and branch decoration, which Germany bestows on her ablest decorated private.

Only three U-boat captains held this decoration.

Both Schepke and Kretschmer had addressed meetings for recruits for U-boat service, and Mr. Alexander added, "I don't think the sort of news will encourage them much."

Wolf Of Atlantic

Kretschmer was known and idolised in Germany as the "wolf of the Atlantic." He had the highest record of destruction of any U-boat captain.

MR. ALEXANDER STATED THAT NEARLY 2,500,000 TONS OF ENEMY SHIPS HAD BEEN CAPTURED, DESTROYED OR FORCED TO SCUTTLE.

The burden of the Battle of the Atlantic was both grievous and heavy but never for a moment, day or night, was there any slackening in the prosecution of the fight.

Ups And Downs

"This battle has its ups and downs but I assure you that neither U-boats nor German long-range aircraft have it all their own way," he said.

"We continue to take toll of both and as the strength of the cooperation of the Navy with the Coastal Command increases and the number of escorting destroyers and corvettes expands, that toll of the enemy will increase until the Battle of the Atlantic is won."

The First Lord said we had got to continue fighting, labouring and struggling to get back to something like the escort position we had in the last war, when we worked not only as a single fleet but had five powerful Allied fleets and five times the present number of destroyers.

"THE AMAZING THING IS THAT THE NAVY HAS KEPT THE LIFELINE OPEN," MR. ALEXANDER SAID.

At The Bottom

He continued: "We published the other day that we had many hundred U-boat prisoners but many more of the U-boat personnel lie at the bottom of the ocean."

"I can assure you that reports to the Admiralty of our anti-submarine captains are nearly always on the conservative side."

Speaking of the 10 Coastguard cutters America sent to Britain, the First Lord said "Believe me, they are some ships. Most are little, but bigger than a destroyer."

"They were built to stop the ships of bootleggers and I think will be even more usefully employed in protecting our convoys and hunting German pirates."

voys and hunting German pirates.

Libya Episode

"I see that to day the Navy is criticised for not having prevented Italian and German reinforcements reaching Libya. But remember that the decision having been taken to support Greece—which surely in honour we were bound to do—we had to perform the great task of transporting very large numbers of troops and equipment, which was safely done, thanks to the Royal Navy."

"We had at the same time to main supplies to our garrisons in Libya."

"IN SPITE OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS, WE HAVE DESTROYED ITALIAN TRANSPORTS RUNNING INTO A TONNAGE OF SIX FIGURES."

"I do not think Government has any need to apologise for its decision to go to the aid of Greece, or the Navy to apologise for its work."

R.A.F. Hitting Hard

R.A.F. bomber pilots, he said, were striking back and striking hard, and it was evident from complaints over the German radio after the raids on Berlin, Kiel and Bremen, that the Germans did not like it.

Mr. Alexander concluded: "We must go on with that until we win." — Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS AT TOBRUK

Indian mechanised troops are among the British forces defending Tobruk, well-informed circles in Cairo revealed yesterday.

The Indians have been taking part in the fighting in the Western Desert and have been in action in the west, around Gebel and Akhdar.

There was no indication yesterday of any change in the situation of the Axis forces in Libya.

In Abyssinia, the Imperial forces have practically reached the outskirts of Dessie, one of the last remaining Italian strongholds in the country.

Operations in Abyssinia are bound to slow down somewhat because of the task of mopping up various Italian columns, it was pointed out in Cairo. — Reuter.



The Prime Minister recently witnessed a tank demonstration in which he was shown the capabilities of various armoured fighting vehicles over rough country. The Prime Minister is seen inspecting a Bofors gun.

"HEIL HITLER" -- AFTER MUSSOLINI!

Rome radio, broadcasting birthday greetings to Hitler yesterday, declared "Hitler is no doubt one of the greatest men in history but fate decided he should only reveal himself after Mussolini had been acknowledged everywhere as the greatest statesman in the world." — Reuter.

APPEAL TO DOCTORS IN AMERICA

President Roosevelt last night urged American doctors to volunteer to serve in the military and civilian hospitals of "our British friends," in a statement issued from his Hyde Park (N.Y.) home.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THE BRITISH RED CROSS HAD APPEALED, THROUGH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, FOR 1,000 YOUNG AMERICAN DOCTORS TO HELP MEET THE "ACUTE SHORTAGE" OF DOCTORS IN BRITISH HOSPITALS.

"As President of the American Red Cross," he said, "I heartily approve this request."

He explained that volunteers would be enrolled in the British Red Cross and would be protected by the Red Cross Treaty of Geneva.

"Young doctors, whom Britain so desperately needs, can do much to heal wounds inflicted on civilians and military alike in this cruel war," the President added. — Reuter.

Kisses From Soldiers In Court

AS POLICE AND MAGISTRATES looked on, three Army sergeants dashed across the floor of a Sussex police court, picked up in their arms an attractive brunette aged about thirty, and carried her in triumph to the court hall.

There she was surrounded by soldiers who kissed and hugged her as their comrades cheered. Laughing happily, though her make-up was ruined by scores of kisses, the woman left for home with her husband. He had been pushed aside by their soldier friends in the rush to congratulate his wife.

She was Mrs. Hilda Ann Hungerford, manageress of a N.A.A.F.I. canteen, just acquitted by Lewes magistrates on charges of making a statement, liable to cause alarm and despondency, and of "exhorting soldiers to lay down their arms when the Germans came."

"Cheers and stamping of feet followed the magistrates' decision to dismiss the charges."

Mrs. Hungerford denied ever having said: "We would be much better off under Nazi rule. The English soldiers are no good, they will never win."

According to the evidence, the trouble arose out of a battalion order on January 24 that no solid food was to be sold in the canteen until 5.30 p.m.

She had to tell the soldiers they could not have chocolate and cakes in the morning.

There was a "bit of a commotion." Some were annoyed—they thought the chocolate and cakes were being saved for other soldiers.

Good To Them

Major T. H. Carter, defending, said the eight soldier witnesses for the prosecution belonged to one regiment, while the fifteen soldiers for the defence were from another regiment.

He submitted that some of the men "had their knife in the manageress" because they thought she favoured the other unit.

"I do not know why some of the soldiers should have done this to me, because I have been so good to them all," said Mrs. Hungerford. — Reuter.

Corporal Basil Wyles said the men grumbled when told they could not have cakes and chocolates. Asked if there was a lot of bad language he replied: "I suppose they used one or two words we always use in the Army, but I didn't taken any notice because we knew them so much."

The chairman, Mr. J. I. Blencowe, said the Bench considered Mrs. Hungerford had no serious intention of contravening regulations, but did make some foolish remark.

SOVIET'S POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Commenting on foreign press interpretations of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Treaty, the Moscow newspaper "Pravda" declares:—

"Apparently certain circles in London and Washington counted on a worsening of Russo-German relations, no less than they counted on a worsening of Russo-Japanese relations."

"Pravda" denied that the new Pact is directed against Germany or was signed under German pressure.—International News Service.

Luftwaffe Spreads Death Through Home Counties

WIDE PATH OF BLITZ ATTACK ON SATURDAY

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

REPORTS FILTERING THROUGH FROM DAZED VILLAGES AND SMALL TOWNS IN EAST ANGLIA AND THE HOME COUNTIES, AND FROM THE THAMES ESTUARY DISTRICTS, CONFIRMED A WIDER PATH OF THE GERMAN AIR BLITZ ON LONDON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD ON SATURDAY NIGHT EVEN THAN ON WEDNESDAY, WHEN MANY OUTER SUBURBS, INCLUDING THE SOUTH-EAST, SUFFERED AS HEAVILY AS THE METROPOLIS.

According to the German High Command this was another reprisal raid for the R.A.F. attack on Berlin, but from the communique, in which the raid was given pride of place, large fires claimed in the Thames Bend, Mill-wall dock and Greenwich, appear to have given the Nazis most satisfaction.

FOUR FEET MICKEY'S RESOURCE

Among many press reports of courage and coolness on the part of London's civil population in Saturday night's and Wednesday night's indiscriminate raids on the capital is one describing how a 16-year-old messenger boy, Michael O'Connor, four feet high, helped not only in the carrying of messages at the height of the blitz but also in fighting fires and in casualty clearance.

In the words of the post warden, "Mickey" could not do enough. Seven times he waded from a fire round to the local fire station with messages. He also helped fight a fire at a church which was saved from serious damage.

He also assisted a casualty to a first aid post and carried out other duties throughout the raid.

This was O'Connor's second baptism of fire for he had previously carried out invaluable work on Wednesday night.

A study of reports from centres throughout London show that London civilians of either sex and any age are cooperating in the fullest degree in the work of defeating the savage attacks on London's morale—attacks which, it should have become clear last autumn, to the heads of the Luftwaffe, were doomed to failure.—British Wireless.

RIOTING PERSISTS AT AHMEDABAD

One was killed and four wounded when police opened fire for the second time on a rioting mob in Ahmedabad.

More than 400 have been taken into custody.

Latest casualties in the communal rioting, which broke out on Friday, are 56 killed and 304 wounded.—Reuter.

New Greek Cabinet

Composition of the new Greek Cabinet presided over by King George of the Hellenes was announced last night, states Athens radio.

Deputy Prime Minister is Vice-Admiral Alexander Sakellarios, Chief of Naval Staff. He will also be Minister for Navy.

Other Ministers are: War General Panagakos, Air General Nicolaides, Communications and Railways, General Korzas.

Foreign Affairs, Finance and National Economy, Emmanuel Underos.

Public Welfare and Press, M. Nikoloudas, Agriculture and Labour, M. Demetriades.

Interior and Public Security, M. Maniadakos.

Education and Justice, M. E. Sekeris.

Under-Secretary of State for Shipping, M. S. Theophanides.

The new Government took the oath at 5.15 yesterday afternoon and held its first meeting immediately afterwards.—Reuter.

AIR BATTLES IN GREECE

Operations in Greece last Friday, in which 10 German aircraft were destroyed and many others seriously damaged, are described by the Air Ministry news service.

Fighter pilots of the R.A.F. sought out and destroyed enemy aircraft in a number of offensive patrols.

One Hurricane squadron ran into 10 JU87's escorted by a large formation of ME109's. Against odds something like four to one the British fighters went into battle.

When, bullet-scarred but still at full strength, the squadron returned to base, a young pilot officer gave a brief description of his part in the encounter.

"We arrived over the Pharsala area to find a lot of German fighters escorting JU87's which were dive-bombing an army convoy.

Set On Fire

One seemed intent on his dive but when I got on his tail he altered his mind and tried to slip away. My first burst set him on fire.

The German air gunner opened fire on me then but I got in another burst. After that the bomber dived straight to earth and crashed on the hillside.

Next instant I caught sight of another JU87 and got underneath it and fired into the radiator. My second burst from astern sent the bomber nose-down and there was black smoke pouring from the engine."—British Wireless.

WAR SAVINGS

A total of £11,009,839 was raised in war savings in Britain last week, making a grand total of £712,038,855.—British Wireless.

TAI-O CRIME

A headless corpse of a man was found on a hillside at Tai-O on Saturday morning by villagers.

VIGOROUS DRIVE AGAINST ENEMY SHIPPING

THE AIR MINISTRY news service gives further details of daylight attacks on enemy shipping.

It says: "On Saturday daylight attacks on enemy shipping were made in the course of a wide and persistent attack off the Dutch and French coasts.

The ships were mostly proceeding in small convoys, often guarded by naval escort vessels, and Messerschmidt 109's.

In addition to dropping their bombs, B'enheim aircraft of the Bomber Command also used machine guns and in one instance raked the decks of every ship in the small convoy.

A 5,000-ton supply ship was attacked in the morning by aircraft which dropped bombs from between 100 and 50 feet. Five direct hits were counted and the ship was set on fire. When last seen it was going down by the stern.

A 7,000 tons supply ship was attacked in the afternoon. It was guarded by destroyers which put up a great deal of heavy A.A. fire.

Direct Hits

The attack was very sudden and our aircraft immediately got two

direct hits from 50 feet. The ship heeled over to port at an angle of 35 degrees and is claimed a total loss.

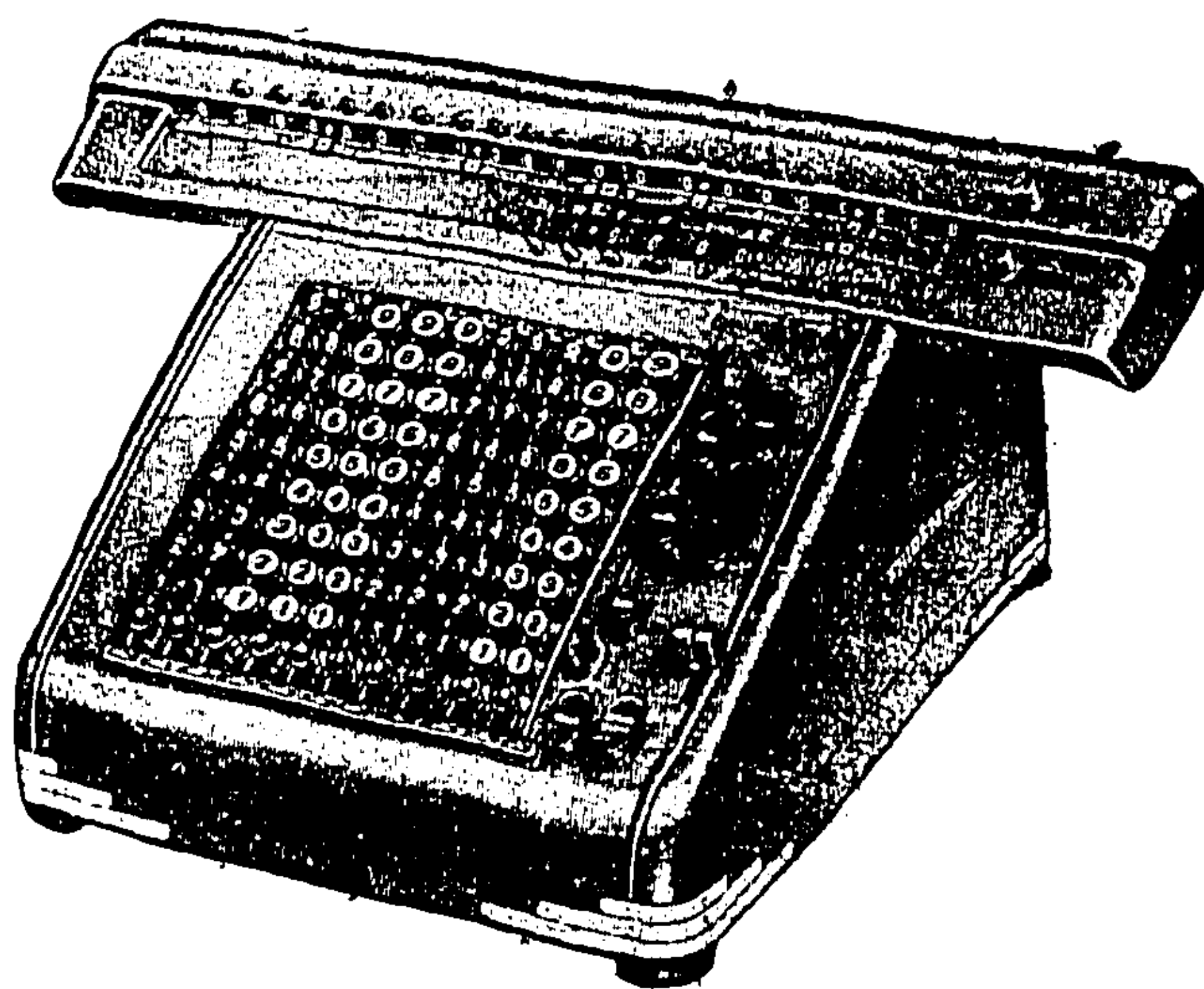
Other ships were attacked with bombs and machine gun fire but the weather prevented accurate observation of results. In a number of inconclusive encounters with escorting Messerschmidt 109's at least one enemy fighter was damaged.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN ASKS FOR FOOD SUPPLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Britain has asked the United States, under the Lease and Lend Act for 15,000,000 cans of tomatoes, several million cans of milk and a large quantity of dried foods. International News Service.

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"FIGHT TO THE END" CALL BY KING GEORGE OF HELLENES

"REMAIN UNITED and steadfast and carry on the fight for the country's honour and independence; we must defend the nation to the very end."

This call to the Greek people was made yesterday by King George of the Hellenes in a proclamation broadcast by Athens radio last night.

The proclamation reads: "Hellenes: after the untoward death of Alexander Korisis, who gave all his strength to the great struggle which has been imposed on the nation by two powerful empires, and in view of the critical moments through which the country is now passing, we have decided ourselves personally to direct the business of the Cabinet for the time being."

"A new Government has been formed and sworn in, and we appeal to the Greek people, to all who are fighting at the front as well as to all who are contributing to our war effort behind the lines, to remain united and steadfast and carry on the fight for the country's honour and independence. We must defend the nation to the very end."

Duty Of History

"This duty is imposed on us not only by the high traditions of our history and the reverence due to our brave dead but also by the fact that in guarding the rights we have acquired by our victories and sacrifices we shall fully secure our national rights in the hour of final victory."

"WE THEREFORE CALL UPON YOU, HELLENES, TO STAND CALM AND DETERMINED, UNITED AND DISCIPLINED, AT OUR SIDE IN UNFLINCHING PERFORMANCE OF OUR SUPREME DUTY TO THE COUNTRY."

"May God save Greece." — Reuter

EURASIAN YOUTH GAOLED

WITH THREE PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS, MARQUES ABLONG, WAS SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, FOR STEALING A ZENITH RADIO SET FROM HIS FATHER, MR. A. B. ABLONG, AND WITH ILLEGAL PAWNING.

Accused was also charged with giving false information to the Mee Chow Hotel, when registering, and was fined \$20 or another 21 days.

According to Detective Sergeant J. MacDonald, accused went to his father's residence at King's Road, and took the radio away during his absence.

Later the same day, he pawned it for \$20 at the Leung Yick Pawnshop, Wellington Street. The actual cost of the radio was \$115.

He registered himself as a Chinese at the Mee Chow Hotel, and was arrested on Saturday last.

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MEETING IN LISBON

DR. WELLINGTON KOO, CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO VICHY AND AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO LONDON, IS ON THE WAY TO LISBON TO MEET MR. QUO TAI-CHI, THE NEW CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO IS TO RETURN TO CHUNGKING FROM LONDON BY WAY OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi has been in the past nine years Ambassador to Britain.

After conferring with Mr. Quo, Dr. Koo will probably visit London. — Reuter

In the report yesterday of the funeral of the late Miss Margaret Russell, the name of Miss Pat French, who attended as one of the chief mourners, was inadvertently omitted.

HAILE SELASSIE SOON TO RETURN TO CAPITAL

Arrangements for the return of the Emperor of Abyssinia to his capital in Addis Ababa are progressing with all speed, Reuter was informed in London yesterday.

Emperor Haile Selassie was last reported to be heading his army in the Debra-Marcos area, some 110 miles north-west of Addis Ababa. — Reuter.

CINEMA SHOW AT THE Y.M.C.A.

The Hong Kong Amateur Cinema Club are putting on a programme at the European Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday in aid of the Bomber Fund when the films to be screened will be *Health and Beauty*, *League of Nations*, *The King and Queen in Canada*, and *Wonders of the World*.

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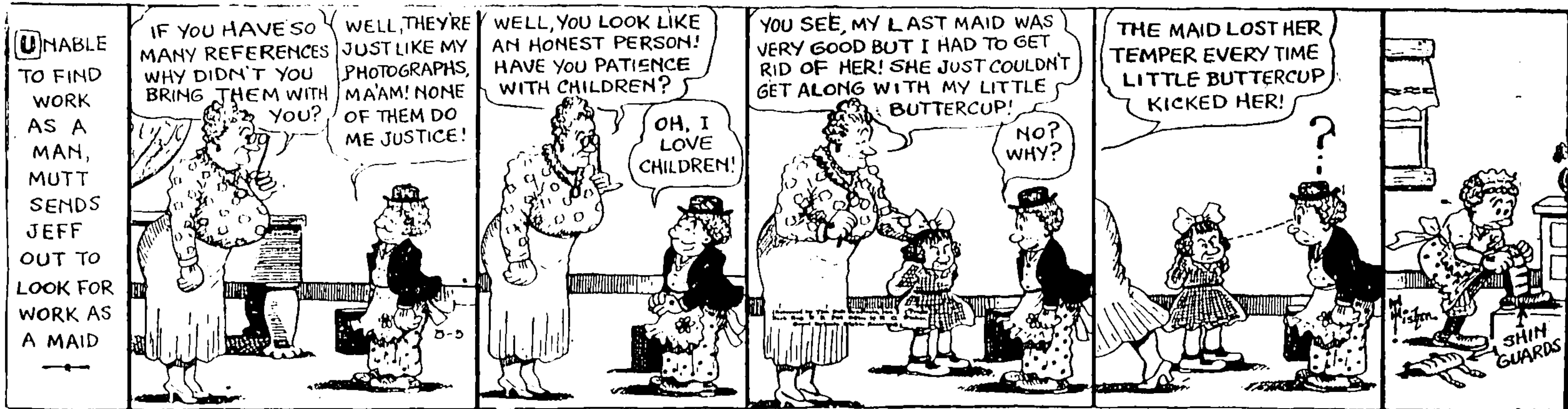
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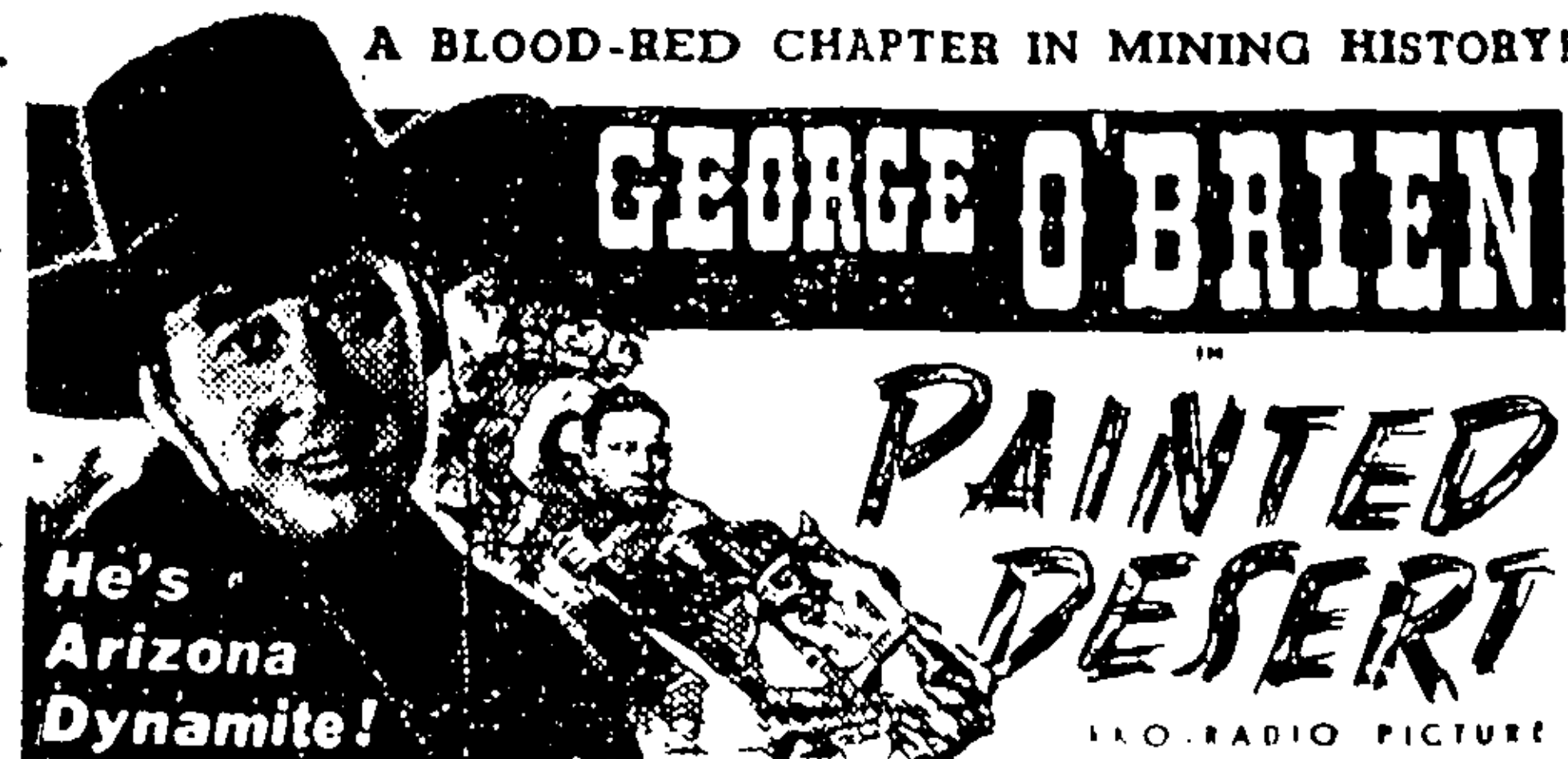
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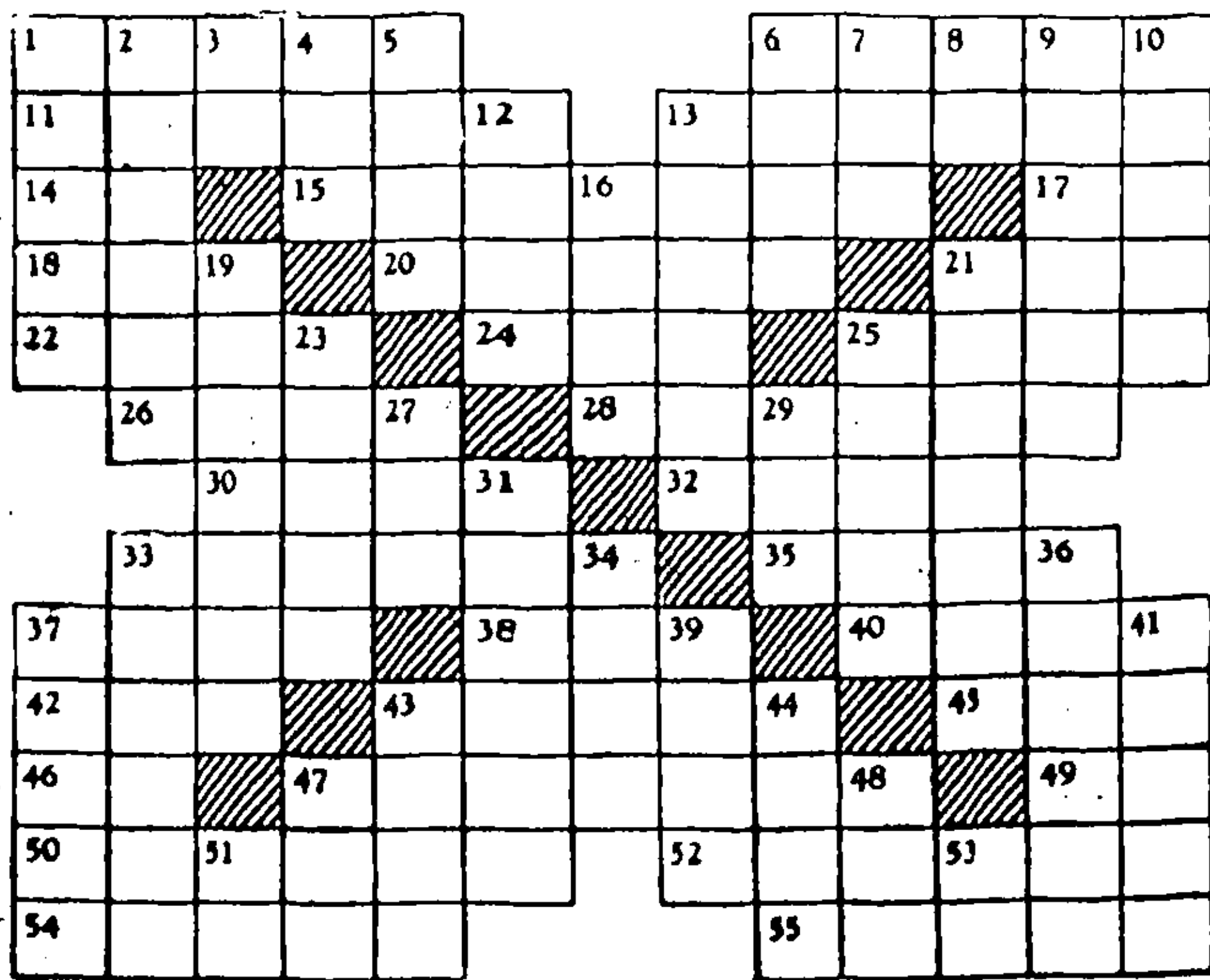
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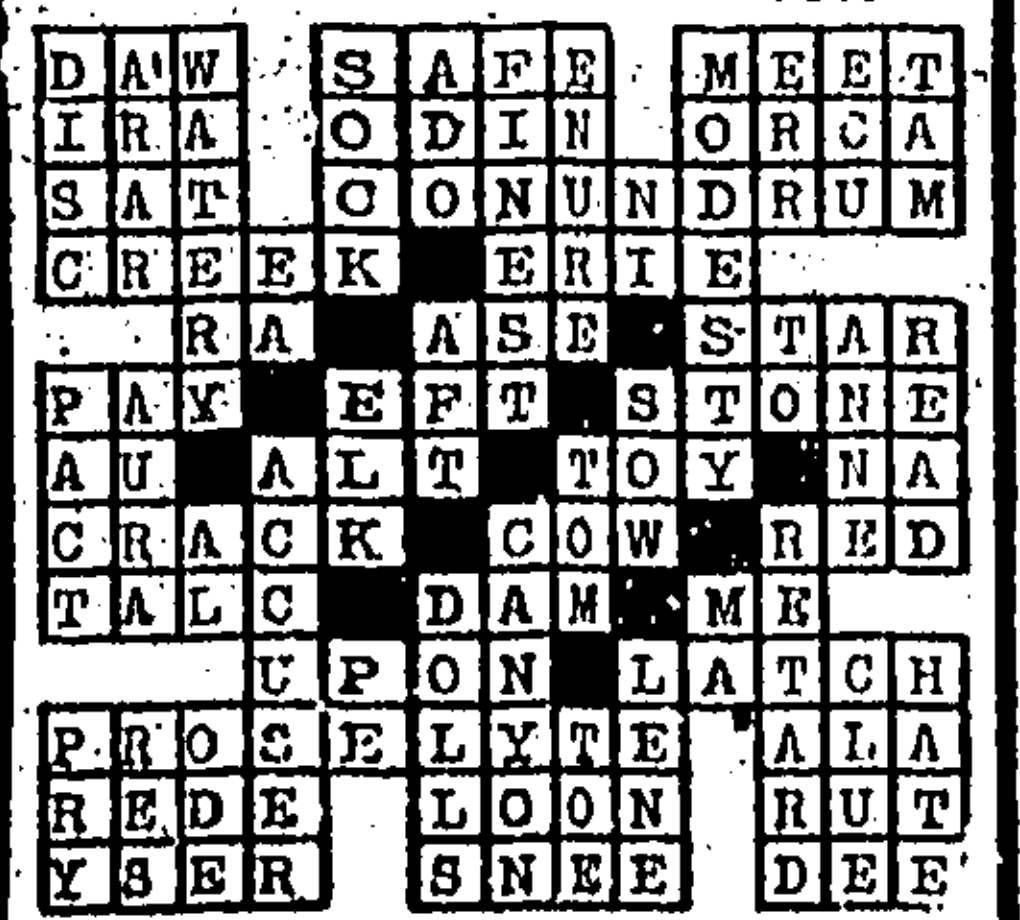
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 - 15 Shunned
 - 17 Therefore
 - 18 To knock
 - 20 Slang
 - 21 Mongrel
 - 22 Short-jacket
 - 24 Vast age
 - 25 Path
 - 26 Glacial ridges
 - 28 Elevated
 - 30 Thailand
 - 32 Carbon
 - 33 Defensive covering for the head
 - 35 Insect
 - 37 Girl
 - 39 Prefix: three
 - 40 To pierce
 - 42 Being
 - 43 Artifice
 - 45 Completely
 - 46 Symbol for silver
- VERTICAL**
- 1 To frighten
 - 2 Fruit
 - 3 Article
 - 4 Yellow bugle
 - 5 Brilliant star
 - 6 To worry
 - 7 Strange
 - 8 Symbol for cerium
 - 9 Unrecognised
 - 10 Shop
 - 12 Time long since past
 - 13 Greek mythological character
 - 16 Russian name
 - 19 To have
 - 21 Choral composition
 - 23 Fastens
 - 25 Jungle beasts
 - 27 To batter
 - 29 Soak
 - 31 Measures of length
 - 33 Garage for air vehicles
 - 34 To clip
 - 36 Higher
 - 37 To depart
 - 39 Image
 - 41 Surfeited
 - 43 To corner
 - 44 Malaysian dagger
 - 47 Poetic: it is
 - 48 To place
 - 51 Artificial language
 - 53 Symbol for calcium

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION



ITALIAN WEAPONS SHOOTING GERMANS

It is now revealed that the magnificent resistance put up by the Greek forces has to some extent been possible owing to the transfer for use in Greece of a considerable quantity of immense stores of arms, ammunition and equipment captured from the Italians in General Wavell's victorious sweep in North Africa, when enemy forces numbering 180,000 men were put out of action.

This equipment has also probably been put to good use by patriot forces in Abyssinia.

The rapid liquidation of the East African campaign could not have been achieved so expeditiously but for the fact that Libya had already been swept clear of enemy forces, and in its turn the reduction of Italian resistance in East Africa has made it possible for President Roosevelt to declare that the Red Sea was outside the combat zone forbidden to American shipping.

Further general consideration, of which the full significance is only now being realised, is that General Wavell's Libyan successes made it necessary for the Germans to support their tottering ally in North Africa and has resulted in a further dispersal of the German forces—a process the cumulative effects of which will become important.—British Wireless.

YUGOSLAV DEFEAT

It is noted in London that the German High Command communiqué states that the "Serbian armed forces" capitulated on the evening of April 17, and adds "fighting will cease at noon on the 18th."

Resistance under unified military control had ceased some days ago in Yugoslavia and the capitulation of various bodies of troops which had continued to fight on their own may well have followed.—British Wireless.

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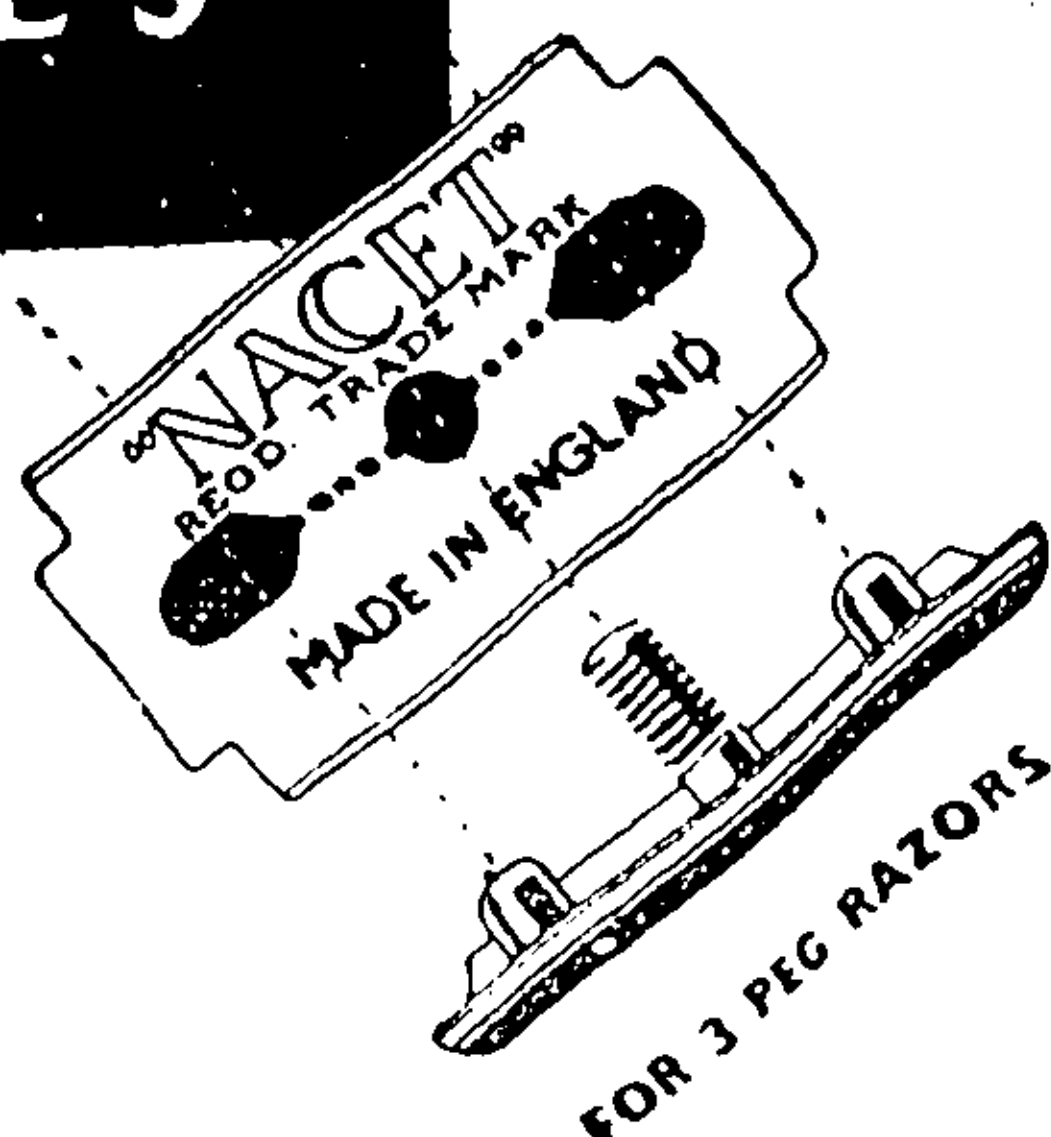
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JAPAN STILL IN FEAR OF THE SOVIET

(This is the fifth of several uncensored articles appearing in the "Manila Bulletin" on the Pacific "war of nerves" as seen from within Japan by an American observer).

JAPAN IS MAKING NEW ENEMIES AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT HER ONE TRADITIONAL FOE — RUSSIA — CONTINUES TO HOLD THE HONOURED POSITION IN DEFENCE PLANS.

The opinion long has prevailed in the islands that some time, somewhere, a second Russo-Japanese war is inevitable. The two countries were on the verge of it in 1939, but Moscow had more important projects on hand. Tokyo, aware of the probable consequences, managed to calm her hot-tempered Kwantung army officers who were all set for a decision fight.

Now, the enigmatic attitude of the Soviets is one of the two most effective brakes on Japanese expansion. The second is the United States Navy. As has been mentioned before, Japanese expansionists are responsive only to force.

Russia has plenty of real and theoretical force behind her marked activities in the Far East. Temporarily at least, she holds the whip hand, and she is playing her advantage to the limit.

Before the diplomatic roulette wheel put the chips in Stalin's pocket, Russia came to Japan, asking for a non-aggression pact. That was in 1936, before Tokyo signed the anti-comintern agreement with Germany and Italy. Russia's idea was to thwart this pact and protect herself, but the Japanese army turned down the proposition because they short-sightedly believed they would be on top more or less permanently. At that time, the "younger officers" of the Kwantung army still eyed the Maritime Province, Vladivostok and Outer Mongolia as legitimate areas for aggression, and in the name of self-defence.

Of Doubtful Worth

To-day, the odds have changed. Japan wants the non-aggression pact — her expansionists want it badly. And Stalin merely smiles and remembers: treats Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka to a free train ride and an interview — and, merely a neutrality pact, the worth of which is doubtful. Without some assurance of Russian inactivity, a Japanese march would be dangerous. An attack upon the Dutch East Indies, for example, would necessitate a large array of capital warships flanking the bulk of available transports, because loss of man power is extremely high in any assault against a well-defended island or coastline. Naturally, the Japanese would leave as many warships in home waters as could be spared without foredooming the southern expedition.

Vulnerable Flank

But if Russia chose to strike hard at that moment, in revenge for past wrongs, the Japanese flank would be comparatively vulnerable. At least 80 Soviet submarines are now based in Vladivostok. Hundreds of aeroplanes reportedly are available in that area for duty — and a concerted aerial attack would wipe out Japan's great industrial cities, Osaka, Kobe, Yokohama and Tokyo, which consist mainly of flimsy wooden houses.

Anti-air raid drills are held twice annually throughout Japan in useless preparation for that eventuality. The people who participate are hopelessly inept. But even well-trained fire-fighters would have no chance against the holocaust that incendiary bombs would start in Japan. The absence of air raid shelters would mean a frightful loss of life.

"Number One Enemy"

The fact that Japanese believe the Soviets capable of such a revenge war is indicative of their deep distrust of this "number one enemy."

Theoretically, such a development is possible, as the aftermath of warfare which the Soviets could easily taunt the Kwantung army into starting somewhere in Manchukuo.

Another development is far more likely, however. Assuming that Moscow's policy is to encourage worldwide warfare, wait for rival armies to knock each other out, then pick up the pieces, the Soviets would have an excellent opportunity in the Far East. An American-Japanese war, doubtless, would mean the end of the Japanese empire in time. Even if the Nipponese army remained as a bulwark in Manchukuo, its mechanised forces would be desperately short of fuel. Japan's reserve gasoline is, say, sufficient for one year. An attack on the Indies might exhaust half or more of this amount, because at present they are not adding to their reserve. Dutch destruction of Indian wells, prior to any successful landing, would mean another year's wait before Japan could acquire any considerable amount of fuel, because the United States would embargo shipments immediately upon a Japanese march.

Navy Caution

This would be a logical moment for Russia to step in, attempt to recapture Manchukuo and as much more of the Japanese empire as possible, including substantial segments in north China. These are the arguments the navy has been impressing upon the army in order to delay the southward programme. The country could not be secure, as long as the Russian menace remained unhacked, and the fleet, as defender of the homeland, is aware of it.

Actually, the Japanese navy has one great fear to-day: That a Russian submarine will sneak close to Japan and torpedo an American vessel carrying evacuees to the United States. Officers believe, and probably correctly, that such an incident would provoke an immediate American-Japanese conflict, with no one in the United States willing to believe that a Japanese submarine had not committed the act. As one officer said, "We can't stand another Panay."

The Jitters

This particular brand of jitters was prompted by the fact that Soviet submarines have been increasingly active lately around Vladivostok. One of them challenged and stopped a Japanese freighter in the Japan sea a few weeks ago. Japanese officials, hankering for friendship with Russia, made no protest for this incident, although they consider the sea as "our lake."

Many Japanese and foreign observers, believing that Stalin actually wants an American-Japanese war, are puzzled by his disinclination to accept the obvious course: A quick and bland assurance that Japan could proceed southward without Russian interference, in the hope that it would result soon in warfare.

Stalin may come to that later. At present it suits him to keep the Japanese dangling. Widespread reports in Tokyo said he has made exorbitant demands as the price of a non-aggression pact. These include, according to unconfirmed rumours in diplomatic circles: Return of all Manchukuo north of Harbin and the old Chinese Eastern Railway (probably for some "face-saving consideration"); return of Karafuto (southern Saghalien); reopening of the Harbin-Vladivostok railroad, which the Japanese

closed in 1931; the right to run sealed trains to Dairen; recognition of Soviet sovereignty over Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang and Ninghsia provinces.

Stalling

The Japanese, obvious, can grant only the last of these demands, if they expect to avoid domestic trouble. If the list is a correct synopsis of the Russian wishes, it is clear Stalin is simply stalling.

He is holding the Japanese at arm's length also by refusing to sign a permanent fisheries treaty and by delaying any tangible development in the commercial negotiations which have been under way in Moscow for several months.

It must suit his sense of humour to note the Japanese patience with such dilatory methods which, a year ago, would have provoked violent anti-Russian press outbursts, at least. Tokyo spokesmen, who now claim negotiations between the two countries are proceeding "amicably," used to describe Russia's foreign policy as the "actions of a hysterical girl."

Russia's tactical position, of course, is the major reason why Stalin now has the upper hand. But the Soviets won part of their influence by defeating the Japanese at Nomonhan in 1939.

More Than Skirmish

That border skirmish has assumed amazing importance in subsequent diplomatic developments. Three overlapping battles were fought, the Japanese winning the first two against untrained Soviet "shock troops." Then the Red army command poured good German mechanised equipment and some of their best men into the struggle, annihilating a Japanese artillery division and sending scout cars some 40 miles within Manchukuo before peace was declared.

Shortly after that display of strength, Moscow signed the new famed non-aggression pact with Germany. Within a few weeks, the Soviet attack against Finland began.

Japan retired some of her leading officers in disgrace and immediately began a long-range mechanisation programme for an army that showed itself hopelessly outclassed with the tanks and armoured cars previously at its disposal. Later, in a boundary demarcation treaty details of which have never been published, the Soviets kept much of the land they had won.

Soviet Der Tag

Russian bombing of a small railroad station, Fulaerchi, near the Nonni river nearly precipitated fighting on a much wider scale in the middle of the Nonmonhan incident. Kwantung officers were both frightened and angry by the attack, and many of them believed the time had come for what they considered an essential Japanese drive against Russian outposts, notably Vladivostok, which is within easy bombing range of Japan. Tokyo quieted the hot-heads after three tense days.

Some day, the Japanese believe, Stalin will attempt to avenge the series of Russian defeats which have characterised Japan's northward expansion. Simultaneously, the Kwantung army is fretting to repay the Soviets for Nomonhan, a dark chapter in their military careers.

Meanwhile, Japanese expansionists hope and pray that some way may be found to postpone the day of reckoning, until Japan can build up her war machine with the raw materials they expect to find in the path of the "southward programme."

REVENUE FORGERIES?

At the request of Revenue Officer Ahern, two men and a woman were remanded for a week by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon on Saturday, when they were charged with possession of fives and a block intended for the production of a mark resembling that used by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports in connection with Government prepared opium.

Accused were Lam Yuk, 22, Kwon Wah, 18, both unemployed, and Lam Yun, 57, widow.

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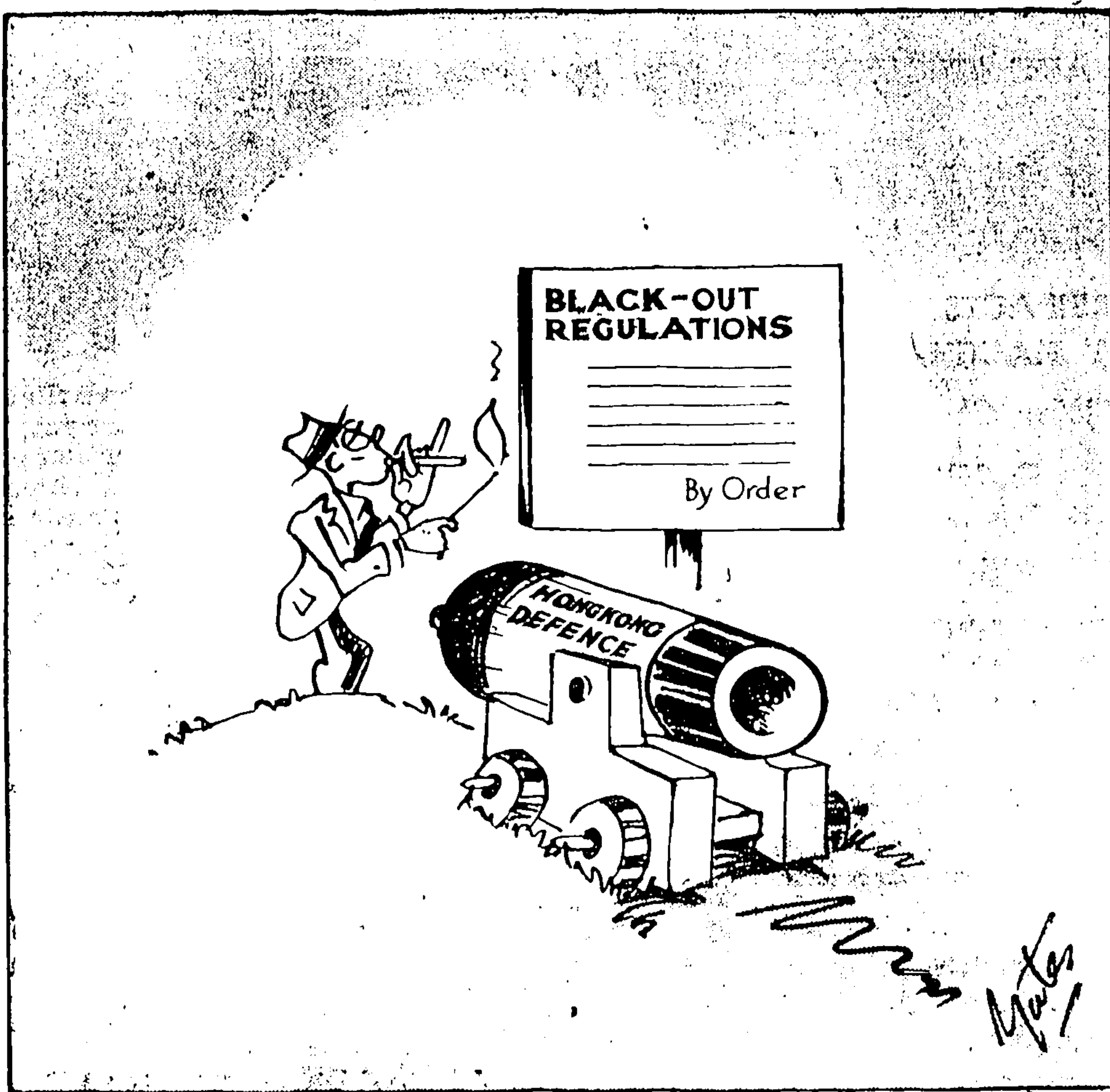
BALKAN EPIC

In some respects the events dramatically proceeding on their course in the Balkans are dreadfully familiar. The ferocities, the falsehoods, the savageries are all the same. Through the fire and smoke and mendacities of Nazi warfare, it is not always easy to make a clear picture; but the plan and purpose, at least, are reasonably clear. Another "Dunkirk" on the shores of the Aegean, Herr Hitler has promised it; and it is well to have that much down in black and white. For now we are to witness the performance— which, this time, may be another matter.

There are going to be great losses and may be reverses but this time, there are going to be no paralyzing disasters to the spirit and, it may be, no disasters even upon the ground. For the attack has been fully foreseen; its probable shape and power have been fully studied in the light of all the lessons taught by its predecessors. This time the little neutral is backed by a powerful British army on the ground, thoroughly trained, thoroughly equipped, commanded by a strategist of proved ability who would not have led them to that terrain unless he had seen there the outlines of possible victory.

This time, for the first time, the huge Nazi machinery of aggression has been drawn into a war which it neither wanted nor anticipated, in a theatre remote from the real centre of the major struggle, where its positions are not of the best, its communications poor and the terrain adverse. It is a theatre in which its ominous ally stands ever more menacingly in its rear; ahead, there is no decisive prize to be achieved—for even a complete victory and another "Dunkirk" in the Balkans would not break the grip of sea power and would leave the enemy citadel unbreached—but it is a theatre in which the cost of even one failure can be catastrophic.

On these new terms, Hitler has joined the Battle of 1941. What cruelties it will loose, what its course may be no one can now predict. Once more history is swept away upon a roaring tide of events. But it is clearer now than ever that this frightful power for chaos and devastation must be destroyed if our world is not to be destroyed under it.



BLACK-OUT (MENTAL)

Want To Fight For France

AT Douaumont, on the slopes of Verdun, there is a plain concrete slab protecting an open trench. Inside the trench are the undisturbed remains of the officers and men of the famous 137th French infantry regiment who, in 1916, fought to the last man in defence of Verdun.

It is one of France's most moving war memorials, for they stand there as they died, their rifles still in position, a symbol of the unconquerable spirit in which they stubbornly resisted the German onslaught.

In the last days of May, 1940, the sons of these men, the new 137th, were entrenched to the south of Dunkirk, stemming the German advance. They knew they were being sacrificed, yet with one question they carried out the old order: "They shall not pass."

The primary cause of their defeat was undoubtedly military. But from accounts which have been given to me by the few survivors it is evident that when the history of these actions comes to be written the ordinary French soldier will lose nothing of his reputation as a courageous fighter.

Here are three stories of the courage of these men from Boulogne, Calais, Dunkirk, Lille, Douai, Valenciennes, and Cambrai who fought for their home towns and villages until the Nazi tanks swarmed over the defences.

Dunkirk Heroes

The first is from the field diary of a major of the 86th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Army—a 1914-18 veteran—who wrote:

"When we arrived in front of Dunkirk and took up our positions we received orders to defend the lines to the last man. Each section leader was given definite and precise orders, and we knew that this time we were being sacrificed.

"We knew that every hour gained meant more boats could get away, more troops who could carry on the fight elsewhere.

"And we had extra reason to fight hard. My own regiment and the 60th and 25th were mobilised in Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne.

"Although we were heavily outnumbered and were facing an enemy who had vastly superior arms, there was only one moment when the men faltered in their discipline. It was when an order to withdraw was given and they felt that they should have counter-attacked in order to defend Calais as well.

"On the 31st I was wounded and was taken through a heavy bombardment to a hospital at Zuydcoote, and three days later I was driven by ambulance to

Dunkirk and embarked for England.

"Of my regiment, only eight of us all wounded arrived in England."

The diary of a young lieutenant of artillery, a native of Boulogne, gives perhaps a clearer insight into the spirit of the French soldiers in the last bitter days before they were betrayed.

MAY 28.—At 5 p.m. we set up the battery at Poperinghe, but after two hours we leave for Hondscote, where we again put

By Margaret Dasnieres

the battery into position. We make contact with English troops, who give us biscuits, chocolate and cigarettes, as we have had nothing to eat for a long time. At 8 p.m. we get an order to go to Braydunes, near the coast.

MAY 29.—At 6 a.m. we set up our battery in the sand dunes and we are heavily bombarded from the air. At 3 p.m. we get an order to move nearer Dunkirk. The Colonel reads us an order which says that we have to defend Dunkirk and that there is no hope of us being embarked.

The men just look a bit grimmer, but accept it as they have accepted every other order.

MAY 30.—Fighting all day long in cooperation with the English. At 10 p.m. we swing our battery 96 degrees and fire inland towards Bergues.

MAY 31.—At dawn we are in position near a farm, with an English battery nearby. All day long we are attacked by German dive-bombers.

JUNE 2.—At 11 a.m. we move further down the road nearer to the coast.

JUNE 3.—Nothing much to eat, nothing to drink, but we keep on firing. At 11 a.m. No. 4 gun bursts, causing a few minor casualties.

At 9.30 p.m. we blow up our guns and all equipment and make for the coast. Our battery then consists of three N.C.O.'s and 50 men—all that are left out of 100.

JUNE 4.—At 2 a.m. we arrive on the jetty at Dunkirk, and by 4.30 have to report to the Colonel that it is impossible to find a boat to take us off. The Colonel says we are now free to do what we like.

At 5 a.m. I find a sailing boat in a yard, and, with some officers

and men, I get aboard and we leave Dunkirk.

At 2 p.m. off Gravelines, we rescue two officers and four soldiers. We hoist the sail and the current takes us down the French coast towards Cap Gris Nez. At 4 p.m. we are again machine-gunned from the shore, and we lie flat in the boat. I get wounded in the chest. At 6 p.m. we pass Calais and the Germans shell us from the beach.

JUNE 5.—At 2 a.m. we pick up a man from the sea. At dawn we are in sight of Folkestone. A Belgian boat comes out for us.

Perhaps the most impressive story is that of a 23-year-old peasant soldier from the North of France.

Reduced To Half

Here is his account of the fighting. He wrote it himself in simple, peasant French:

"I am a farm labourer. I love my village. My pleasures were my garden and fishing. In September, 1939, I left, full of courage and hope.

"On May 13 we went into Belgium, and we stayed there for five days without fighting. Then we returned to France.

"We arrive at Valenciennes and fall into fighting positions at the station, as the enemy is near. We cross the town, impossible to get through. It is crowded with refugees. In the morning we leave the town.

"Our group of 'corps francs' (guerillas) take part in the battle. At once we fall on an enemy line, and in a few minutes our corps francs is reduced to half. The wounded are carried away. We reform into a company.

"We hold the firing line six days. Little food. Under incessant artillery and plane fire in open ground without trenches. Fighter planes are at 1,000ft. dropping flares, and then we are showered with shells. We have only clover fields to take cover in.

"We receive no more orders. We retreat.

"We do 15 kilometres (nearly two miles) on foot. Then we meet an English convoy. They take us toward Dunkirk, and give us cigarettes, biscuits and chocolate. At Bethune the English set fire to the convoy so that the enemy won't get it.

"We find our captain on the sandhills. We wait for four days and shells fall all the time. On June 1 I am wounded, with four comrades. We lie on the quay and the guns are still firing.

"The embarkment is orderly. The sea is calm. It is my first trip on the sea. We arrive in England and I am put on a stretcher."

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HITLER MAY CHANCE NAZI INVASION

FOR THE SECOND TIME in six months Britain is threatened with invasion. Last September many people in Britain were inclined to doubt whether an attempt would be made. They regarded the threat as more of the kite-flying for which Germany is notorious. But this time the Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers, as well as responsible members of all three Services, have given serious warnings to the nation to be on its guard.

Even if Hitler never gambles his all on an effort to achieve his cherished ambition of landing German troops on British soil, there are enough indications of careful and large-scale preparations to justify the Government, the Royal Navy, the Army the Royal Air Force, and every member of the public taking every reasonable precaution. On so momentous a matter it will be better to have taken precautions proved unnecessary than to be caught napping by unreadiness to meet every possible enemy move.

In spite of the constant attacks of the R.A.F. Bomber and Coastal Commands on the invasion bases and the damage they have caused, the Germans doubtless still possess sufficient seaworthy ships and barges to carry an invading force between the Continent and Britain. Nor is it unlikely that other craft stored at the "back end" of the Baltic could be moved up by night, and the port of Norway may hide secrets intended as a nasty surprise for an unwary land force, therefore, dictates an unleeping watchfulness.

No doubt all three of the British armed forces have detailed plans for defeating a hostile move of this kind. It is difficult to believe that any German movement on a large scale could escape the notice of the Royal Navy or the roving eye of Coastal Command reconnaissance aircraft.

Even the Germans must know that if they try to invade Britain they are taking on one of the most dangerous and difficult adventures in history. Such an effort must entail terrible losses in men and material.

But we have the Battle of France to show that Hitler would not be deterred by such a prospect. To conquer France he willingly, almost gladly, accepted a high rate of casualties among his dive-bombers, because he saw that this would prevent the heavy losses which a long land campaign would entail.

Fine Weather Effort

Some experts in Britain believe that Hitler must regard the chances of a successful sea invasion as so slight that he would attempt, at the start at any rate, to land all his troops from the air. If they succeeded in getting a secure foothold and damaging our coastal defences, airfields, and aircraft reinforcements could follow in ships and barges. Germany certainly has large numbers of Junkers Ju 52 troop-carriers, each capable of carrying 20 fully armed men. She is also reputed to have machines equipped to bear light tanks slung between the undercarriage. If the air invasion

were attempted at night it is probable that each troop-carrying machine would also tow two or three gliders, which would be detached when near the coast and allowed to land where they could.

Looking back on the period of darkly large-scale air attacks last summer, it is clear that they were the prelude to an attempted invasion. Had the Luftwaffe succeeded in mastering the R.A.F. Fighter Command Hitler would have been able to take the chance. But constant attacks on our aerodromes and on the coastal defence areas not only failed to weaken our resistance but made such grave mistakes on the bomber and fighter strength of the German Air Force that Hitler was forced to postpone not abandon the project. Now the fine weather is coming again. It seems likely that, as soon as conditions permit, the second attempt will be made. For Germany knows that every year, as the R.A.F. grows stronger, thank partly to American aid.

Few Hours Notice

After the failure to defeat our fighter force last summer a different tactic may be tried this time. There is unlikely to be a long period of daylight bombing attacks before the enemy armada sails.

Many experts believe that we shall not get more than a few hours notice of German intentions. As they see it, the preliminary will be a night of non-stop bombing of the areas where the landing is to be effected — or, at any rate, attempted.

We may witness concentrated bombing such as that carried out in Holland and France and attempted on Coventry and Southampton. Communications will almost certainly be a special objective, for the enemy must try to cut off the prospective battle zone; to isolate the troops in that area who are not killed by the bombing. Both fighter and bomber aerodromes are another obvious target. In order to put them out of action the Germans might try to land troops from the air on or near them. During the hours of darkness it would be their task to wipe out the aerodrome defences and defenders and to make all the aircraft unfit for service.

Then, at dawn, the main attempt would be made. Under cover of darkness all the barges and ships would have been moved out so as to be within striking distance of land with the first grey streaks of dawn. Simultaneously every bomber and fighter which the Luftwaffe can muster would be launched from France and the Low Countries according to a time-table worked out to the last second. No doubt feints would be made in order to try to mislead our fighters, bombers, and warships, but the main assault would be launched against the area, or areas, where landings were to be tried. While some of the German fighters afforded such protection as they could to the bomber squadrons bent on destroying our coastal defences strong formations would be needed to tackle the R.A.F. bombers and the Royal Navy sent to attack the barges and ships. More bombers would continue the effort to isolate the battle area and prevent

MOVE TO FORESTALL NAZI DRIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The sending of British troops to Basra, in Iraq, is interpreted in London as a move to forestall an anticipated German move through Turkey to the Iraqi oil-fields. International News Service.

reinforcements being rushed up. The presence of parachute troops on our aerodromes would seriously impede the British fighters, for they would have to make longer journeys back to aerodromes further away to refuel and rear-

In East Anglia?

Where is the most likely place for an invasion? Though the frequent reports of German aircraft over East Anglia may provide a clue, the Germans are hardly likely to "put all their eggs in one basket." Sea craft would no doubt converge on Britain from many different points, some from the Channel ports of France, some from the Bay of Biscay, others from Holland and Belgium, still others from Norway and the Baltic. It is possible that simultaneous landings would be tried at different points, so as to split up the fighter and bomber force of the R.A.F. It may be that a landing in East Anglia, the sea on the left, would be a tempting one at the same time.

If the main attack came from the east the whole of the area between the Wash and the mouth of the Thames, as well as Kent and the coastal regions of adjoining counties, would probably see the largest scale air fighting the world has ever known.

Dunkirk would be like a small engagement by comparison. The Germans would certainly hurl into the fray every fighter and bomber they could make airworthy in time. To get their troops on shore they would have to win a local air superiority; they must also command the air over their ships and barges during that vital period from dawn onwards while the landing was in progress. Such a scheme may seem like a nightmare, but experts believe that it must be taken seriously. Though it would bristle with serious difficulties, and the preparatory work on the other side would be enormous, the Germans are excellent organisers. An attempted invasion of Britain would be a do-or-die effort, and for that reason the possibility of poison gas should not be ruled out.

A Two-Sided Picture

If last year the enemy underestimated our fighter strength, they are not likely to do so again after the grim lesson they were given during August and September. They know that the Spitfires, Hurricanes, and Defiants which beat the Luftwaffe six months ago have been improved; that we now have the Whirlwinds and Tornados, modern machines with capabilities of which they are ignorant. They know, too, that we have received from America such fighter aircraft as the Curtiss Tomahawk; while the nightly exploits of the R.A.F. over Germany must have convinced the leaders of the Reich that our bomber force is considerably stronger.

That is one side of the picture. On the other side is the assurance that the Germans have made good use of the winter months. They have evolved new fighters and bombers; the aircraft they employed last year have been improved. Because there are machines on both sides which have not been tested out in combat the invasion would be a gamble, but it is something on which Hitler has set his heart. The wise course for us, therefore, is to be prepared for whatever may come.

ALLIES COMPELLED AGAIN TO GIVE GROUND

But Line Remains Unbroken By Vicious Nazi Attacks

THE GREAT I AM TAKES MORNING OFF

Hitler spent his birthday yesterday at his headquarters, presumably somewhere in South-Eastern Europe.

After celebrations in the morning he resumed his work at 1 p.m., according to the German radio.

Field Marshal von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the German army, in a Hitler Birthday Order of the Day to the troops declared: "Trusting in the Fuehrer and confident of victory, we shall beat the last enemy."

This order was read over the German radio.

Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the Navy, also issued an order expressing his self-confidence of victory in the final struggle against the mortal enemy. — Reuter.

POLICE RESERVIST STONED

How stones were thrown at an Indian Police Reservist outside a theatre in Mongkok last night while he was taking a prisoner to the police station, was related before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning when, So Kai, 21, unemployed hawker, was charged with hawking cooked food without a licence and meeting persons to assault PCR274, Hakan Khan.

Accused was fined \$5, or seven days' hard labour, on the first charge and \$15, or one month, on the second.

It was stated that at 8.50 p.m. the Indian chased away a number of hawkers in Sai Yeung Cho Street. About 10 minutes later, the Indian returned and saw the hawkers were still there. This time, however, the Indian arrested defendant and took him to the police station.

On the way, when passing Sun Wah Theatre in Argyle Street, accused was alleged to have shouted to the onlookers outside the cinema to assault the Indian. The onlookers threw stones, one of which was said to have hit the Indian's head.

Aussies In Grand Spirits

Mr. Fadden, Acting Australian Premier, declared in Sydney yesterday that the defence line in Greece was intact.

"The Australian troops are in excellent spirits. They have been engaged in heavy fighting and acquitted themselves with great distinction."

Mr. Fadden expressed Australians' sympathy with the Greeks in the loss of their Premier, Dr. Dr. Koritsis. — Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GREEK HIGH COMMAND ADMITS A GERMAN ADVANCE ON THE CRUCIAL MACEDONIAN FRONT BUT THE BATTERED ANGLO-GREEK DEFENCE LINE, THOUGH WITHDRAWN AND SHORTENED, IS STILL HOLDING FIRM IN THE FACE OF CYCLONIC NAZI ASSAULTS.

A Greek communique acknowledges "a push by German forces southward" in the Olympus region after heroic Greek and Anzac troops had beaten off massed German tank and infantry units into bloody retreat with fierce counter-attacks in two key sectors.

Without revealing the extent of the German advance through Macedonia, nor saying whether the vital railway cities of Larissa, Kalabaka or Trikkala are threatened, the Greek High Command cryptically referred to fighting on the Olympus front in these words: "Regarding operations in Macedonia the German forces have made a push southward." — International News Service.

Masses Of Troops

Mount Olympus has been evacuated by the British, according to well-informed quarters in Cairo last night, who added the operation was part of the retirement to a shorter line which is proceeding according to plan.

The situation in the Balkans is still regarded in Cairo as serious.

MOUNT OLYMPUS, WHICH IS ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE ALLIED LINE, WAS EVACUATED BY THE BRITISH TROOPS BEFORE THE NAZIS TOOK IT.

The British retirement to a shorter line is being carried out according to plan under heavy air and mechanised action.

Despite their terrific casualties, the Germans continue to hurl masses of troops into the battle. — Reuter.

Line Unbroken

The Allied line in Greece remains unbroken, and a Greek Press Ministry bulletin broadcast from Athens says that while the Allied line has been modified at some points on the defenders' own initiative, the line continues firm.

The bulletin adds that the Germans are persistently attacking fiercely along the whole Greek and British fronts but "all their violent efforts to force a final and immediate decision have failed."

The bulletin continues: "The Germans are bringing up more and more reinforcements of mechanised units, infantry and aircraft, but despite all these efforts the British and Greeks are fighting like lions and still hold their line."

Heavy Casualties

Advancing in waves, it is stated, the Germans attempted to secure at all costs passes in the Kalabaka area but failed and paid dearly in casualties for their failure.

"IN THE OLYMPUS AREA THE GERMANS CONTINUED TO SACRIFICE THEIR SOLDIERS BY THOUSANDS WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH."

"The heroic exploits of the Australians and New Zealanders are weaving new legends about Mount Olympus." — Reuter.

HORTHY GESTURE TO CROATS

Admiral Horthy, Hungarian Regent, has ordered the release of Yugoslav war prisoners of Croat nationality, according to the Budapest newspapers, says a Budapest despatch to the official German news agency.

The prisoners will be allowed to return to their homes in Croatia immediately, the message adds. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI WHARF STRIKE THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Eighty thousand wharf workers in Shanghai are being whipped into action by the Nanking-sponsored trade union to protest against the alleged ill-treatment of two textile mill coolies in last week's clash with the police.

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Bridge Swindles — No. 35

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In order to be effective, a Bridge swindle must be plausible. To-day's hand illustrates a point which all swindlers ought to keep in mind:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ J 9 8 4
♥ K 8
♦ A J 9 6
♣ 7 5 4

♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 6 4
♦ 2
♣ K Q 9 8

♠ 7 2
♥ 9 7 3 2
♦ K 8 7 4
♣ 10 6 2

♠ K Q 10 3
♥ A J 5
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A J

West North East
3 Δ Pass
1 Δ Δ Pass
1 Δ Δ Pass

We opened the dealer of diamonds, and South thought for a moment before he played the first card. The lead was either a singleton, best of a singleton. In the former case, a ruff would probably succeed and then even if East ruffed a later round of diamonds, the contract would be made. If the

lead were a singleton, it would be better to put up dummy's diamond Ace in the hope that West would be unable to get a diamond ruff. Unable to decide what the lead meant, South tried the trumps, holding a swindle in reserve if it should turn out that he had made the wrong guess.

He therefore played a low diamond from the dummy. East played the King, and South dropped the Queen without a second's hesitation. Now consider poor East's problem. If the opening lead was a fourth-best diamond, South's diamond Queen was a singleton. Why would South finesse with a singleton diamond? Probably to use the dummy Ace for a club discard. From the bidding, it was quite possible that West had two club trumps and a high trump, so East returned a club instead of a diamond. And then South could easily draw trumps and make his contract.

One other point is worthy of mention. If the three and two of diamonds were exchanged, and West led the three of diamonds, South could not deceive anyone by dropping the Queen. West could not hold the deuce, East would realise, since he could not hold a five-card suit. Hence South's play of the Queen must be an attempted swindle.

Saturday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J
♥ K J 9 4
♦ 8 5
♣ A J 9 3 2

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenker
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	(7)	

ANSWER: Double. You ought to be able to beat the contract without much trouble, and you have no assurance of being able to make any worth-while contract of your own. Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 695

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenker
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♣	(7)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession

12.30 p.m.—Jay Wilbur and His Band.

Fox-Trots—The Down and Out Blues (film "Happy Returns")

The Donkey's Serenade (The Firefly)

Slow Fox-Trot—Imagination.

Quick-Step—I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire.

Fox-Trots—Poor Little Angelina

Saddle your Blues to a Wild Mustang

Slow Fox-Trot—Mist on the River

Fox-Trot—Tiny Old Town

Fox-Trot—The Scene Changes.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—The Orchestra Mascotte with Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).

From Near and Far Waltz Melodies

Orchestra Mascotte.

The Three Waltzes (Oscar Straus)

"C'est la Saison d'Amour"

Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).

"Le Souvenir"

Yvonne Printemps with Pierre Frenney and Orchestra

Valse Blue (Maurice)

Tosca Mio Waltz (Buccon)

Orchestra Mascotte

The Three Waltzes (Oscar Straus)

"Je me suis pas ce que les autres"

Yvonne Printemps with Pierre Frenney and Orchestra

Love, to Kiss, Waltz (Dickens)

Dance of the Flame Waltz (Rosen)

Orchestra Mascotte

1.10 p.m. Reader and Ruby Press and Announcement

1.15 p.m. Variety

Vocal with Orchestra: The Last Waltz (Hoffman)

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Laparo, Lane with Teddie St. Denis and Company

Piano: Fox-Trot Medley

Intro: Take My Heart (Eggs)

Saddles, It's Time what Be

Say About Dixie

Waltz Medley

Intro: It's a Sin to Tell a Lie

Would You Sweetheart Let

Grow Old Together

Burton Brown

Vocal: Let's Call the Whole Thing Off

They Can't Take That Away from Me (both from "Shall We Dance")

Hildegard with Carroll Gibbons and His Orchestra

Piano—An Evening With You (film "Colleen") (Dublin-Warren)

Gerry Moore

Humorous—What The Stars Foretell (Thomson)

Sandy Powell

C. B. Cochran Medley

Comper C. B. Cochran assisted by Elisabeth Welch, Edward Cooper and Ray Noble and His Orchestra

2.15 p.m.—Close Down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations

6.32 p.m.—A Debussy Programme

The Children's Corner Suite

(a) Dr. Gradus ad Parnassum

(b) The Snow is Dancing

(c) Serenade for the Doll

(d) Jumbo's Lullaby

(e) The Little Shepherd

(f) Gollwog's Cake Walk

Walter Gieseking (Piano)

La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin)

"Dances"

(a) Danse Sacree

(b) Danse Profane

Leopold Stokovsky and the Philadelphia Orchestra

7.00 p.m. London Relay: The News

7.15 p.m. London Relay: Talk: "Working Together"

7.30 p.m. Mendelssohn: Trio in D minor, Op. 49

1st Mov. Molto Allegro Agitato

2nd Mov. Andante Con Moto Tranquillo

3rd Mov. Scherzo

4th Mov. Finale

Coriol Tibaud and Casals

8.00 p.m. Local Time Signal

8.02 p.m. This week's programmes

8.05 p.m. Piano Duet by Moreton and Kaye

Dinah: After You've Gone, No Body's Sweetheart

The Dan Alex Medley, No. 21

Intro: An Apple for the Teacher

Box Car Blues, Out the Moon, We'll Meet Again, I'll Remember A Man and his Dreams, Goodnight, Goodbye Everywhere

8.15 p.m. London Relay: "10, Gang"

9.00 p.m. London Relay: The News

9.15 p.m. London Relay: "Questions of the Hour"

9.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Hubert Elsdell (Tenor).

International Railroad Express

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Jakov Serebroff's Russia Orch.

Two Tired Old Eyes (Kenyon and Squire)

Because I Miss You so (Clanville and Contes)

Hubert Elsdell (Tenor)

Novellette—Serenade (Henselt)

Frederic Hippmann and his Orch.

Evensong (Martin)

New Symphony Orchestra cond. by George Walter

Thinkin' of Mary (Ashby and T. C. Sterndale Bennett)

Always As I Close My Eyes (Handfield-Jones and Coates)

Hubert Elsdell (Tenor)

Solemn Melody (Walford Davies)

New Symphony Orchestra cond. by George Walter

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only)

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music with Variety. By the Wishing Well (Hummel)

Curtis and Ames

Waltz: I'll Always Love You

Fox-Trot: In a Moonlight

Sydney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra

Vocal: Don't Go in the Lion's Cage Tonight (Luther)

The Beautiful Bearded Lady (Luther)

Zora Layman and the Home-owners

Fox-Trots: I've Found a New Baby, Easy to Get

Bud Freeman and his Summa Cum Laude Orchestra

Vocal: I'll Sing you a Thousand Love Songs (film "Cam and Mabel")

Serenade in the Night (Kennedy)

Marie Henri with Orch.

Fox-Trot: Lilies in the Rain

Quick Step: In an 18th Century Drawing Room

Jack Hilton and his Orchestra

Vocal: Tony's in Town (from "It's Love Again")

It's Love Again

Jessie Matthews with Orchestra

Fox-Trot: Never Took a Lesson in My Life

Waltz: Lovely Old Lady

Sydney Lipton and his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra

11.00 p.m. Close Down

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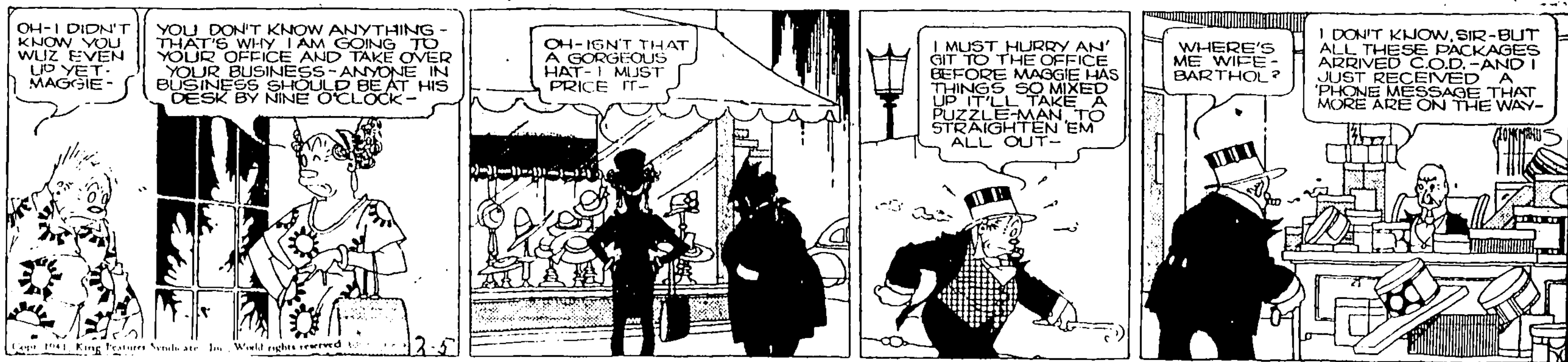
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Accessories Indicate Character

A Clever woman can take any well-fitting suit or coat or gown, no matter what its age, and make it look as small as an original by wearing with it well chosen accessories. Yes, shoes, bag, gloves and hat can make or ruin your appearance.

You find the best dressed women concentrating on monotonous navy blue, brown, beige or black, for their suits and coats or dresses, and then pointing them up with gaily coloured smart accessories. By so doing they can make one nice fitting costume look like a whole wardrobe, and they are never at a loss for a change.

But one's accessories must always look fresh. Your handbag should be cleaned frequently and never stretched out of shape by ramming it with everything you own. Your hat should be kept free from dust, powder and lip-stick, meat. Shoes must be kept in perfect order always. New feet left when needed, a shine or burnish, and every time you take them off shoe trees should be inserted. Any shoe will last months longer with good care.

I shouldn't have to remind you about your gloves. Soiled gloves, like neglected hands, tell the world you are a negligent person. Coloured or white gloves should be spic and span when you start from home and never in need of mending where a seam has ripped. Dark suede, you know, may be brushed with a rubber sponge, and all cloth or doekin may and should be washed after each wearing.

If you go in for lingerie touches (and don't we all when the warm weather appears?) be certain that yours are as crisp and clean as new organdy. That may require frequent changing but it must be done!

If you are a meticulous beauty you will brush each dress thoroughly (especially inside the neck) when you take it off, hang it on a hanger and inspect it to see if it needs pressing or cleaning before you wear it again.



MARGARET LINDSAY reveals one of her glamour secrets—a cosmetic kit which not only carries all her make-up but contains three small bottles of daytime perfumes. It fits into her massive handbag.

While you wear heavy coats too frequently neglected. See daily changing of dress shields is essential. If you buy those which may be pinned in a jiffy you will not find the changing a chore.

If you spend the time I hope you do in grooming your body and keeping your figure pretty, it should follow like the night the day that what you wear and use be kept always in perfect order. Others judge you by what they see—and if they see neglect in grooming details their opinion of you cannot be flattering!

Little details such as fresh puffs or cotton wads in your compacts, handbag and compact mirrors cleaned occasionally, stains removed from handkerchiefs and fingers, lipsticks cleaned and stocking seams straightened, are

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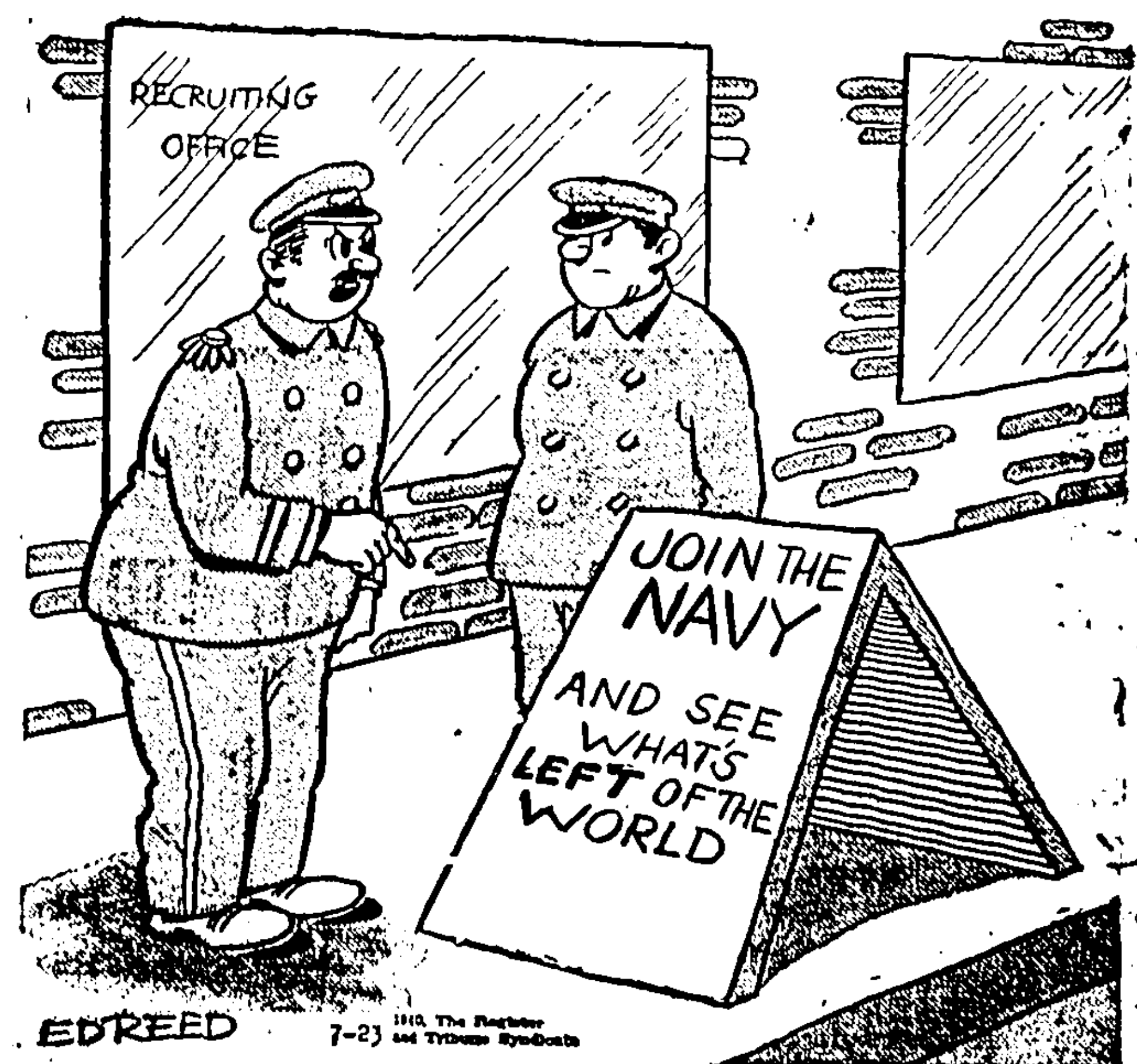
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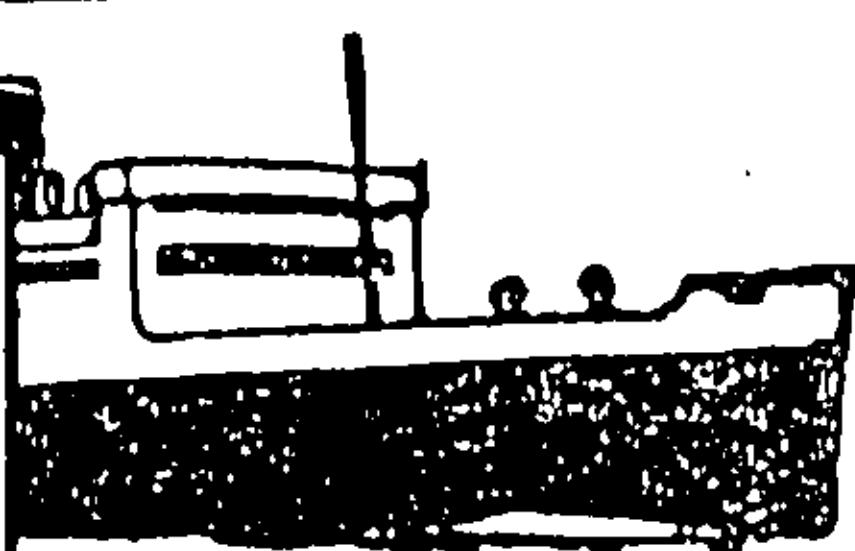
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JUNKS STILL TRY EVASION

Before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the masters of four junks were charged with a breach of Defence Regulations by either attempting to export rice or gasoline or gunny bags without a permit from the Controller of Trade.

Pleading guilty to attempting to export 80,000 gunny bags and to failing to produce his junk's licence, Cheung Kam-ies, 62, master of junk, No. T112811, was fined \$750 on the first charge and cautioned on the second.

Li Chung-chan, 35, master of junk, No. T5511H, was fined \$150 for attempting to export 3,400 tins of gasoline without a permit on Saturday at Tai Mui. Mr. Y. Alfred Hon pleaded guilty on behalf of accused, stating that it was a new junk and that his client might have not been aware of the Regulations.

Fines of \$100 each were imposed on Wong Tai-shing, 37, master of junk, No. 3480V, and Lau Kam-niuk, 23, master of junk, No. 1106V, for attempting to export 16 bags and 20 bags of rice yesterday respectively.

HOLD-UP ON STAIRS

The hold-up on a stairway at No. 138, Portland Street last Saturday night, had a sequel before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when Kwong Ki, 20, was remanded for a week for assaulting Ng Gee-wo with intent to rob.

Ng was stopped by three persons. Two held his arms and the other pointed a knife at him. Ng struggled and ran down the stair-case into the street, where he raised the alarm. The robbers made their escape but one of the alleged robbers was, however, arrested.

R.A.O.C. COOLIES CHARGED

Three coolies of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., on Saturday with conspiracy to steal a metal ammunition container, containing 100 pounds of expended brass cartridge cases.

The accused were Tam King, 20, Yu Chuen, 32 and Lau Koon-ang and all pleaded guilty.

The case was adjourned until Tuesday.

Detective Sergeant V. Morrison is in charge of the case.

CHOLERA CASES

Five cases of cholera — three from Victoria, and one each from Kowloon and the New Territories were notified over the week-end.



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*Matue Maru	Friday,	25th Apr.
*Turuga Maru	Thursday,	8th May

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*Genda Maru	Monday,	28th Apr.
*Okita Maru	Sunday,	11th May

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*Matue Maru	Friday,	25th Apr.
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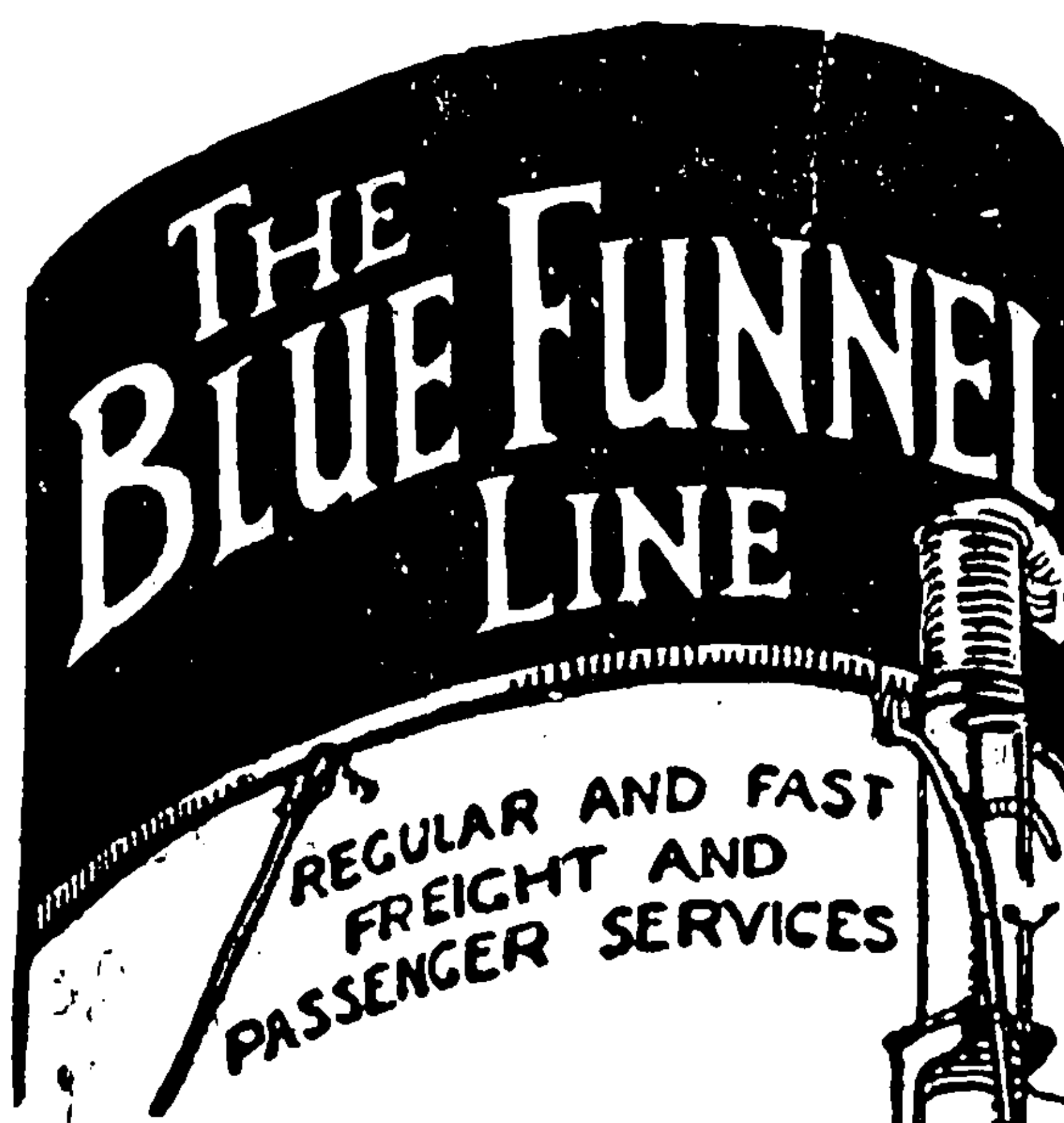
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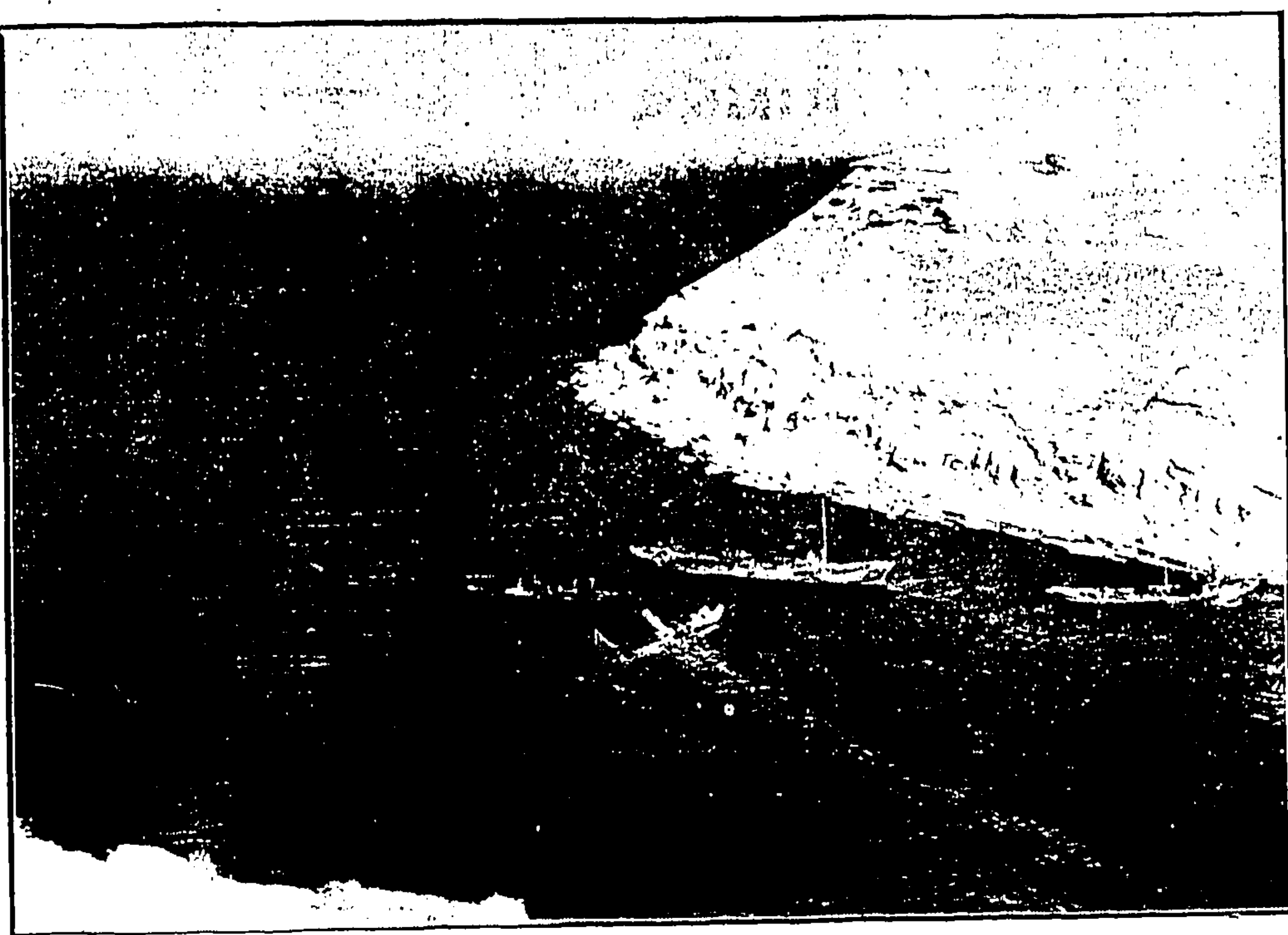
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Guildford Cathedral may provide a home for the bells of All Hallows, the City church.

Known as the "invisible church" of London, All Hallows Church, Lombard Street, E.C., was pulled down in 1939 and is being re-erected at Twickenham.

The church will look very much the same as when it was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren, but in one sense it will not be complete.

Twickenham by-laws forbid the use of church bells, and All Hallows had a peal of 12 cast about 1720.

The bells have therefore been offered as a gift for Guildford's new cathedral.

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Twenty-three German aircraft were destroyed over Britain during the week ended dusk on Saturday.

Of these, 13 fell to fighters and eight to A.A. gunfire, while the method of destruction of the remaining two is not specified. All but four were shot down at night.

During this period R.A.F. losses over Britain were nil.

Axis losses in the Middle East during the period were 68 in aerial combat and 17 on the ground. R.A.F. losses in this area were 21.

Four enemy aircraft were destroyed by shipping during the week, three by H.M. ship, and one by a Free French naval ship. British Warships.

CAR CLEANER'S "JOY" RIDE

Kwok Tai, 20-year-old car cleaner, was fined \$100 on two months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for driving car No. 2337 in Hennessy Road without a valid driving licence, and driving the vehicle without the owner's permission.

Sgt. McInnes told the Court that accused, who was cleaning the vehicle in Ewo Hill Road on Saturday, took the car for a ride. When turning into Hennessy Road, he collided with a tram car. He also injured a pedestrian near the Royal Naval Dockyard.

£489,000 FROM MEDWAY TOWNS

When Medway towns War Weapons Week opened at Chatham it was announced that £489,000 had already been promised.

The contributions range from £100,000, which will be invested by a big firm, to 30s., a gift by a 13-year-old Rochester boy, Alec Letley, which he raised by the sale of model warships he made.

Two of these model ships were presented by the Mayor of Rochester to Sir Neville Henderson, who opened the Week.

"FREE LANCE" TOWN CRIER

A "free lance" is how Town Crier Dave Will's of Selsey describes himself. His vocal activities have no boundaries or special district. Any town or village may buy his services at five shillings a cry. Dave, 73, is believed to be the only free-lance crier in England. Attired in red coat and waistcoat, with black silk top hat and large handbell, this veteran goes his rounds on a tricycle. Need for economy in the use of paper for posters has made the town crier a useful advertising medium for spreading news of local events.

WORRIED BY FIRE WATCH MORALS

Mrs. Grundy considers fire-watching is likely to lead to immorality.

In at least one London district women volunteers have been banned from fire-watching because local busybodies believe there may be "goings-on at night."

Mrs. Brinton Lee, aged forty-three, told a reporter:

"All the people in our street were recently asked to volunteer for fire-watching. As I'm strong and active I thought it my duty to volunteer."

"Not Wanted Again"

"After my husband and I had taken one turn from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. in pouring rain, on half-melted, half-frozen, snow—the rest of the shift having failed to turn up and I don't blame them either—I was told I would not be required any more as the committee feared that the employment of women might lead to immorality."

The fire-watch chief of another London borough, when told of the ban, said: "I have too much on my hands looking after people's lives and property to worry about their morals."

"It's a gross libel on English women, anyhow. I cannot think what kind of people these must be who have such extraordinary and debased ideas."

"We have lots of women volunteers here, and I will gladly welcome as many more of them as I can get."

A Ministry of Home Security official commented: "What local authorities do is their own affair, but the idea of banning women on such flimsy grounds seems ridiculous."

10,500 FORMS BEFORE SHIP COULD SAIL

Shippers are getting writer's cramp—filling in the thousands of forms for the Customs officials before their vessels can leave port.

One ship in a north-east port had to submit 10,500 forms—three for each item of cargo—to satisfy the red tape fiends who are cramping the export drive.

The same thing is happening all over the country. In spite of vast staffs employed by both shippers and the Customs to deal with the filling and checking of forms which every departure from port involves, ships are being held up for days.

And it is all unnecessary. For every ship that goes out, a complete inventory of cargo must be submitted to the Shipping Licensing Board in London before a licence is granted. The "Daily Mirror" was told by Sir Arthur Suherand, well-known Tyneside shipowner.

"This makes the thousands of Customs forms totally redundant. The young men employed to deal with these masses of forms could be better occupied on munitions or in the Army."

RAID ON MALTA

A small formation of Italian Savoia bombers escorted by Italian Fiat biplane fighters and Messerschmitts flew over Malta yesterday morning.

Bombs were dropped in the sea and the A.A. defence were heavily engaged.

British fighters shot down three Fiat fighters into the sea and damaged a fourth, which is unlikely to have reached its destination, states an official communique.

All the British fighters landed unscathed and there were no casualties. Reuters.

TSUIS MAY NOT BE PLAYING IN LEAGUE

Some of the old faces are likely to be missing in the Tennis League this season, and it is possible that C.R.C. will be without several of their stars.

It is learned that the Tsui brothers have not yet made up their minds to play League tennis as they are contemplating a season's rest, while Paul Kong has definitely made up his mind to confine his Summer's activity to swimming.

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CURIOUS LAWS GOVERN BOXING IN OHIO, U.S.A.

Spectators Can Be Gaoled Under Present Statutes

BECAUSE IT WOULD REPLACE many commissions with one and repeal obsolete, antiquated and repeatedly violated laws, the boxing and wrestling bill introduced in the Ohio legislature by State Senator John Patrick Kilbane merits consideration, writes a correspondent from Columbus, Ohio.

In the golden and giddy days, Cleveland was one of the better boxing centres.

Gene Tunney outpointed Johnny Risko in Cleveland just before lifting the championship from Jack Dempsey. Max Schmeling defended the heavy eight title by stopping Young Strubling in Cleveland. Anton Christofonds, only recently acquired the NBA version of the 175-pound championship by outglopping Melio Bettina in 15 rounds there.

Yet an Ohio law imposes a sentence of not less than one year nor more than 10 on any principal in a prize fight.

Fine Or Prison

Another imposes a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisonment for not more than three months on both on whoever agrees to engage in a public boxing or boxing exhibition, aids or assists, attends or leases premises therefor.

That means that participants, seconds, spectators and—say the manager of Cleveland's Public Hall—could be fined and put in the jug in connection with an amateur card.

A current law makes it mandatory upon enforcement agencies to arrest a person about to have hand in a fight as principal or second.

It provides for the accused furnishing a bond of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000, that he will not engage in such a fight within a year in Ohio or elsewhere, provided for his commitment to jail until the order is complied with. When a sheriff has reason to believe a fight is about to take place, he has the duty to summon sufficient citizens to arrest everybody in the joint, including the paying guests.

Boxing Now Conducted Under City Ordinances

Boxing for years has been conducted in Ohio under municipal commissions created by city ordinances.

Cleveland has a splendid board of which Tris Speaker, the Gray Eagle of baseball, is chairman, but Senator Johnny Kilbane, feather-weight champion for 11 years, declares conditions elsewhere to be awful.

The Kilbane bill, with which its sponsor hopes to establish a fund for retarded children while improving professional boxing, in its original form would place at 10 per cent. state tax on gross receipts, bringing total assessments to 23 per cent., including the 10 per cent. federal and 3 per cent. state excise. Promoters now pay cities 6 per cent.



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HSU'S BAD LUCK

Hsu King-seng, who was invited to go to Macao with the Interport team, had to refuse owing to pressure of work. He also missed the tour to Manila with Eastern for the same reason.

MACAO UPSET CRITICS

Macao unexpectedly won the fifth soccer Interport by the only goal scored by Carvalho, the centre-forward, five minutes before the interval.

Macao played good football and the game was full of excitement as both goals were visited in turn.

Santos played a grand game for the home team in goal and brought off several good saves. In the last minutes of the game he saved brilliantly from Lee Wai-tong.

The effects of the Governor's cup game of the previous day told on the Hong Kong players Tsang Chung-wan, who played a sound game in Hong Kong the previous day, was not reliable and this threw additional work on his partner, and in the forward-line Hsu King-to was ineffective.

Hong Kong could not get accustomed to the ground conditions and many of their passes were too hard.

HONG KONG BANKERS—Roughley and Tsang Chung-wan, Pope, Lau Hing-choy and Maxwell, Fowler, Howlett, Hendy, Lee Wai-tong and Hsu King-to. **MACAO**—Santos, Chui-fai and Cordova, Souza, Colacao and Grossa, Leung Shui-wah, Guerrero, Carvalho, Gomes and Ip Po-to.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	
S. China	20	16	2	2	63	24	34		
Eastern	20	15	3	2	70	32	33		
Sing Tao	20	14	3	3	50	23	31		
Middlesex	20	12	2	6	47	37	26		
R. Scots	20	8	2	10	41	47	18		
Kowloon	20	6	4	10	37	38	16		
R. Navy	20	5	5	10	46	52	15		
Police	20	6	1	13	32	57	13		
Club	20	6	1	13	42	69	12		
K. Wah	20	4	4	12	40	69	12		
St. Joseph's	20	3	3	14	22	52	9		
Totals	220	95	30	95	490	490	220		

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals
R.E.	26	22	3	1	97	27	47	
R.A.S.C.	26	19	3	4	106	34	41	
Middlesex	26	16	3	7	69	46	35	
Sing Tao	26	14	4	8	64	31	32	
S. China	26	12	6	8	84	40	30	
R. Scots	26	14	2	10	62	35	30	
30th R.A.	26	13	4	9	57	56	30	
Kit Chee	26	13	3	10	54	58	29	
K. Wah	26	10	4	12	49	64	24	
R. Navy	26	9	2	15	50	73	20	
R.A.O.C.	26	7	5	14	39	60	19	
Police	26	6	3	17	38	86	15	
Club	26	3	2	21	22	113	8	
Kowloon	26	0	4	22	18	86	4	
Totals	364	158	48	158	809	809	364	

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals
R.A.F.	24	17	5	2	74	24	39	
Signale	24	17	5	2	69	25	39	
36th R.A.	24	14	4	6	73	31	32	
12th R.A.	24	12	6	6	78	33	32	
24th R.A.	24	11	5	8	65	31	27	
R.E.	24	13	1	10	68	40	27	
7th R.A.	24	10	5	9	42	42	25	
35th R.A.	24	9	4	11	48	54	22	
R.A.M.C.	24	10	2	12	38	62	22	
Internat'l	24	9	3	12	45	48	21	
20th R.A.	24	8	2	14	30	58	18	
Shell	24	2	4	18	21	74	8	
A.S.A.	24	0	2	22	10	101	2	
Totals	312	132	48	132	623	623	312	

Royal Navy have given permission to Army to use their hard courts at Causeway Bay during the summer.

REST DRAW WITH K.C.C. IN EXTREMELY DULL MATCH

By "Adrem"

The Second Division Cricket League Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club second eleven, drew with an eleven representing "The Rest" in a friendly cricket match at Cox's Road yesterday.

It was a strangely dull match, considering nothing was at stake, with much of the grimness of a Test Match but none of the interest.

Rapley, for the champions, batted breezily at the outset but after wickets started to topple fast, he went into his shell and his score stayed at 39 for some considerable time.

With Goodbar, Gray and Fenton making a few, the K.C.C. total eventually reached 136. Veteran U. M. Omar was in great form with the ball and took 4 for 22 and young Arculli created a very fine impression in his first big match.

Apart from Strange, who played some very nice shots on the off,

ANOTHER TAM FOR UNIVERSITY

One of the mainstays of University cricket this season has been K. Y. Tam, whose left-handed batting has proved invaluable to the undergraduates on many occasions.

Tam has an excellent defence and is one of the most enterprising batsmen in the Colony, with fine forcing strokes on the off and neat shots on the leg. He is one of several brothers—all cricketers—who learned the game in Malaya and he has made one appearance in Inter-State cricket, playing on that occasion for Malacca. One brother plays regularly for Malacca and another, who is also said to be almost in the same class, will be joining Hong Kong University soon, to stiffen still further the much-improved cricket team.

INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL RESULTS

Both China and Portugal were eliminated from the International Softball Tournament Men's Section yesterday, losing to India and the United States respectively.

Results—

GIRLS' SECTION			
	R.	H.	F.
China	5	5	6
Britain	4	4	4
MEN'S SECTION			
	R.	H.	F.
India	1	3	4
China	0	4	3
United States	3	4	4
Portugal	1	4	2

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT AT K. TONG

Following are the results of Kowloon Tong Garden City Association's badminton tournament to date:

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round—Miss T. Gonzalez and M. S. Lee beat Miss F. Lee and John Chen.

MEN'S SINGLES HANDICAP

First Round—J. Tsang (+5) beat Y. H. Tang (+3).

MEN'S DOUBLES

First Round—J. Tsang and A. E. H. Castro beat M. S. Lee and R. E. Lee; S. C. Chan and S. T. Chan beat B. P. C. Fletcher and R. M. Lavalley; F. Kwok and Y. H. Tang beat A. Chan and D. Chen.

Second Round—F. Kwok and Y. H. Tang beat S. C. Chan and T. T. Chan.

MEN'S SINGLES

First Round—J. Tsang beat Y. H. Tang.

D. J. Leonard, who played for Radio Sports Club for some seasons in the Tennis League, may play for Filipino Club this season. The reason is that the "D" Division games will be played on Fridays, the day on which his volunteering duties are less likely to interfere with his tennis.

although he did not always succeed in penetrating a well-placed field, and a correct innings by A. E. Noronha, the Rest innings was extremely dull, the match petering out into a draw. Lawrence, who was undefeated with 11 at the close, played some beautiful off drives and might profitably have gone in earlier.

Splendid Bowling

Taylor bowled magnificently. He could not always keep off the leg, but his well-flighted deliveries, and sharp nip off the wicket had the Rest batsmen in difficulties all the time. Fenton pitched the ball right up and with the aid of a couple of good catches, finished with 4 for 22.

The catching on both sides was good. Lawrence took four fairly good slip catches for the Rest and for the home team Baxter snapped up a quick one in the slips and Gray took a nice one at wide mid-off to dismiss Carey, who was just beginning to hit them hard.

During the tea-interval a group photograph was taken of both teams.

K.C.C. 2ND XI			
W. L. Rapley, c Lawrence, b Esmail			47
K. M. Baxter, c Lawrence, b Omar			2
T. M. Madar, c Lawrence, b Omar			0
W. C. Hung, c Esmail, b Arculli			2
G. A. Goodbar, c Lee, b Remedios			25
S. A. Gray, b Arculli			25
G. E. Taylor, c Lawrence, b Esmail			3
W. W. Parsons, lb.w., b Esmail			6
R. J. Fenton, not out			15
H. Brokenshire, b Omar			3
G. W. Giffen, b Omar			0
Extras (B11)			11
Total			136

Total					1
Bowling Analysis					
		O.	M.	R.	W
Omar		8.4	2	22	
Arculla		8	1	45	
Carey		4	2	8	
Remedios		3	1	11	
Esmail		7	0	39	

THE REST XI

K. Lo, b Hung			0
A. E. Noronha, lb.w., b Fenton			9
M. A. Remedios, c Baxter, b Taylor			3
J. C. Fenton, c Brokenshire, b Taylor			6
A. E. Carey, c Gray, b Fenton			11
M. I. Razack, c Baxter, b Fenton			4
H. E. Strange, b Fenton			18
F. E. Lawrence, not out			11
U. M. Omar, c Giffen, b Taylor			0
N. H. Esmail, not out			2
Extras (B27, LB3)			30

Total (for 8 wks) 94

A. E. Arculli did not bat.

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Hung	7	3	12
Taylor	11	2	25
Fenton	7	1	22
Baxter	3	0	5

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Owing to D. Chelliah being indisposed his match with T. S. Young, scheduled for this evening, will not be played. If the match can be fitted in on Thursday, it will be played on that day, otherwise Young will be awarded a walk-over.

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

AT KOWLOON C.C.

Senior Singles
K. W. Choy v F. Koh (8.00 p.m.).
Mixed Doubles
P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro (9.30 p.m.).
Junior Singles
J. Odell v A. L. Fisher (8.30 p.m.).

Hazard, Navy and Association football pivot, will be leaving the Colony soon.

LAWN BOWLS CONVENERS

Following are the bowls conveners of the various clubs.
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P.R.C.:—Mr. F. Nolan.
P.O.C.:—Mr. S. Hodge.
T.D.R.C.:—Mr. R. Main.
I.R.C.:—Mr. D. M. Khan.

FIRST GAMES OF LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE

Following are the opening fixtures of the Lawn Bowls League which starts on Saturday, May 3.

FIRST DIVISION

Recreio "A" v C.C.C.
C.S.C.C. v K.C.C.
I.R.C. v P.R.C.
K.B.G.C. v Recreio "B"
K.D.R.C. v K.B.G.C. "A"

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio v H.K.C.C.
K.C.C. v K.T.G.A.C.
C.C.C. v P.O.C.
K.F.C. v H.K.F.C.
Bye: T.D.R.C.

THIRD DIVISION

C.C.C. v K.B.G.C.
H.K.F.C. v K.F.C.
P.R.C. v I.R.C.
H.K.C.C. v Recreio
Bye: H.K.E.R.C.

K. TONG TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Following are the results of Kowloon Tong Garden City Association's tennis tournament to date:—

SINGLES HANDICAP

First Round:—R. M. Lavalley (+15) beat Peter Lo (+5); Chan Kam-tong (+2/6) beat Y. H. Tang (+30); Peter Pang (+3/6) beat H. S. Wong (+30 3/6); D. Chen (scr.) received a walk-over from E. Penn (+15 3/6) and A. H. Basto (+3/6) received a walk-over from Peter Wong (+15 3/6).
Second Round:—A. H. Basto (+3/6) beat H. H. Lin (-15 4/6).
Third Round:—D. Chen (scr.) beat A. H. Basto (+3/6).

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:—Dr. Bee and Dr. Kho beat W. Gittens and H. Y. Hsu; C. C. Ma and Peter U beat H. H. Lin and T. E. Lung; Lam Kwan and F. H. K. Kwok beat A. Chan and James Hs. and Edward Lee and L. S. Chan beat S. K. Yee and A. H. Basto.

Second Round:—Edward Lee and L. S. Chan beat K. M. Lee and M. S. Lee.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:—D. Chen beat R. M. Lavalley; Peter U beat H. H. Lin.

K.C.C. TENNIS

Owing 40 every game, E. C. Fincher and G. C. Burnett entered the Final of Kowloon Cricket Club's annual handicap doubles tournament when they beat B. G. Baker and J. Kevan 7-5, 6-1 yesterday on the K.C.C. hard courts. The losers held six set points in the first set.

Fincher and Burnett will now meet D. J. N. Anderson and F. Grose in the Final.

FURTHER TENNIS REMINDER

Conveners of tennis clubs are reminded that names of team representatives for each division should be sent in the Hon. Secretary of L.T.A. as soon as possible. It should also be noted that entries for the League close on Wednesday.

It is learned that J. Fong, former University opening batsman, is now resident in Australia, where he is employed by the Australian Government as a Civil Engineer.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

BOWLS

Lawn bowls made an unofficial start on Saturday when the Annual game for the "Sam White" Cup between Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Club de Recreio and several other games were played.

Recreio won the cup by 71 shots. At Cox's Road Craignower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 30 shots. Several intra Club games were also played during the afternoon.

CRICKET

A "hat trick" by M. R. Abbas, the third in Second Division League cricket this season and a score of 105 by J. Macauley, retired, were the outstanding features of the two cricket games played on Saturday.

FOOTBALL

One of the best soccer games this season was played on Club ground when the Federation and Association met in the Final game of the Governor's Cup competition which resulted in a draw after extra time.

The standard of football was high and spectators were treated to thrills when both goals had narrow escapes particularly in the extra time.

Ferrier saved the Association when he equalised in the last minute of the game. All the players gave good performances, but mention must be made of Bankler, in Association goal, and Howlett in the attack.

Cheung Wing-choy also played well in Federation goal and in the closing stages of the extra time brought off several good saves.

WOOD WINS MASTERS' TOURNEY

CRAIG WOOD, WITH AN AGGREGATE OF 280 FOR 72 HOLES, WON THE ANNUAL MASTERS' GOLF TOURNAMENT WHICH ENDED IN ATLANTA RECENTLY.

Byron Nelson was second, with 283; Sam Byrd third with 285; Ben Hogan fourth with 286.

Lawson Little, present American open champion, finished with 290.

Wood's first round of 66 was the best in the tournament, being six under par.—Reuter.

HOCKEY

The last Ladies' hockey game of the season was played at King's Park on Saturday when Hong Kong Ladies beat St. Andrew's by 3 goals to 1.

N. Spence, who swam for A.P.C. at the Inter-Hong swimming meet last year, is now in Manila on holiday.

KHALSA ATHLETIC MEETING

The Khalsa Diwan Sports Club held its second annual sports meeting at the Indian Recreation Club grounds yesterday afternoon.

The following were the results:
440 yards—1. Kaminder Singh; 2. Pritam Singh.

220 yards—1. Pertab Singh; 2. Jagir Singh.

150 yards—1. Tarlochen Singh; 2. Gurmakh Singh.

High Jump—1. Pritam Singh; 2. Kaminder Singh.

Half-mile—1. Pertab Singh; 2. Gurbachen Singh.

Pick-a-Back—1. Tarlochen Singh and Gurbal Singh; 2. Iqbal Singh and Sarjit Singh.

One-mile—1. Pritam Singh; 2. Gurbach Singh.

Three-Legged Race—1. Gurmakh Singh and Jagdish Chander; 2. Jaswant Singh and Gurbachen Singh.

100 yards Handicap (Girls)—1. Sita Lall; 2. Amar Kour; 3. Sarjit Kour.

Handicap (Kiddies)—1. Harhang Kour; 2. Ranjit Singh; 3. Sarjit Kour.

100 yards (I.R.C.)—1. Kaminder Singh; 2. Gurbachen Singh.

One-mile (Open)—1. Channan Singh; 2. Khan Mohamed.

Shot Put—1. Naranjan Singh; 2. Kartar Singh.

100 yards (Girls)—1. Kartar Kour; 2. Jivinder Kour; 3. Sita Lall.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A n International News Service correspondent had a narrow escape in the German blitz on London on Saturday night.

He was knocked unconscious by a bomb explosion and remained unconscious for over an hour before being revived in hospital. Though not wounded, his tin hat was broken in two. International News Service.

REGISTRY WEDDING

The marriage took place this morning at the Registry Office of Mr. Lai Ping, merchant, and Miss Leung King-hing, of No. 17, King Street.

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Havoc Amid Nazi Troops And Convoys

R.A.F. BOMBERS and fighters inflicted heavy casualties and damage on enemy personnel and material in Tripolitania as well as in Cyrenaica during Saturday and the previous night, according to an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Enemy motor transport was destroyed in numerous localities, including Acroma, El Adem, Bardia and Monastir. A number of enemy aircraft were bombed and damaged at Derna aerodrome, and Berka airport was also raided.

Fighters carried out continuous offensive patrols and inflicted heavy casualties on motorised troops; they machine-gunned Gazala aerodrome where they destroyed one Savoia bomber and damaged a number of Fiat fighters on the ground.

Two Messerschmidt fighters were shot down over Gazala. Junkers dive-bombers which raided Tobruk were engaged by British fighters and one was shot down and others damaged.

Benghazi Raided

During the night of April 18, R.A.F. bombers raided Benghazi, obtaining direct hits on a ship and starting fires on the quays; the same night Tripoli was heavily

raided, about 15 tons of bombs being dropped.

IN GREECE, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE AND SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITY BY THE R.A.F. ON SATURDAY AND THE PREVIOUS DAY.

Stukas Intercepted

German dive-bombers escorted by fighters, attempting to attack our ground troops and shipping at Khalkis, were intercepted by our fighter patrols.

During the day, without loss to themselves, our fighters shot down three Junkers 87's, two Junkers 88's, four Messerschmidt 109's and one Heinkel 126 (a total of 10) and severely damaged many others.

On Saturday several other Savoia 79's were seriously damaged by our fighters over Melos.

In Abyssinia, in the Dessie-Alomata area, enemy positions and motor transport were bombed and machine-gunned, direct hits being obtained on fortifications and military buildings.

Dessie Visit

R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned motor transport north of Dessie, causing considerable damage and setting oil tankers afire.

The enemy attacked Mal'a during the night of April 18, causing some damage to civilian property, but there were few civilian casualties. One Junkers was shot down into the sea.

From all these operations one of our fighters is missing.—Reuter.

CANADIAN PREMIER AT HYDE PARK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MR. MACKENZIE KING, CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, VISITED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT THE LATTER'S HYDE PARK (N.Y.) RESIDENCE AND CONFERRED ON GRAVE PROBLEMS OF NORTH AMERICAN DEFENCE.

Although specific subjects discussed are not mentioned, it is persistently reported that the President is considering opening Halifax, Nova Scotia, to American shipping. — International News Service.

OFFENSIVE FIGHTER PATROLS

Aircraft of the Fighter Command in the course of an offensive patrol yesterday destroyed an enemy fighter over the Channel. One of our aircraft is missing. — British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

That there are no illusions regarding the possible outcome of the situation in Greece, where Empire troops and the Greeks are fighting one of the world's greatest defensive battles, is stressed in to-day's London press comment on the news of the week-end.

All newspapers pay very high tributes to the dignity and resolution of the Greeks and to the "spirit of the Anzacs" in their resistance to the relentless pressure of the enemy.

Recalling the decision by Greece to stand against the German onslaught without British aid, apart from the fact that British support for Greece was already pledged, "The Times" says it is idle to suggest that Britain could take any other course than that which was actually followed.

The newspaper adds "Nor must it be forgotten that when the forces of the Empire first began to disembark on Greek soil there did appear the possibility of forming such an alliance against aggression as could alone afford any prospect of upholding the German onrush."

"For various reasons that combination was never formed. Germany was, in consequence, able to continue her old strategy of a piecemeal advance and piecemeal conquest, conquest by bluff when possible and by force when bluff failed."

"WE MAY WELL HAVE TO BEAR FURTHER BAD TIDINGS."

The newspaper adds: "But if they bring with them a reproach, it will not be for our present action but for the unbalanced and ineffective past."

THE "DAILY MAIL" OPENLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EVACUATION.

It says that from the moment it became impossible to form a united front of Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey, it was clear we could not prevail against the enormous weight of the German army.

"GREECE IS OUR ALLY. WE ARE BOUND TO HER IN HONOUR. WHAT IT COMES TO NOW IS THAT WE MUST NOW DECIDE TO EVACUATE WHEN THE GREEKS THINK THE RIGHT MOMENT HAS ARRIVED."

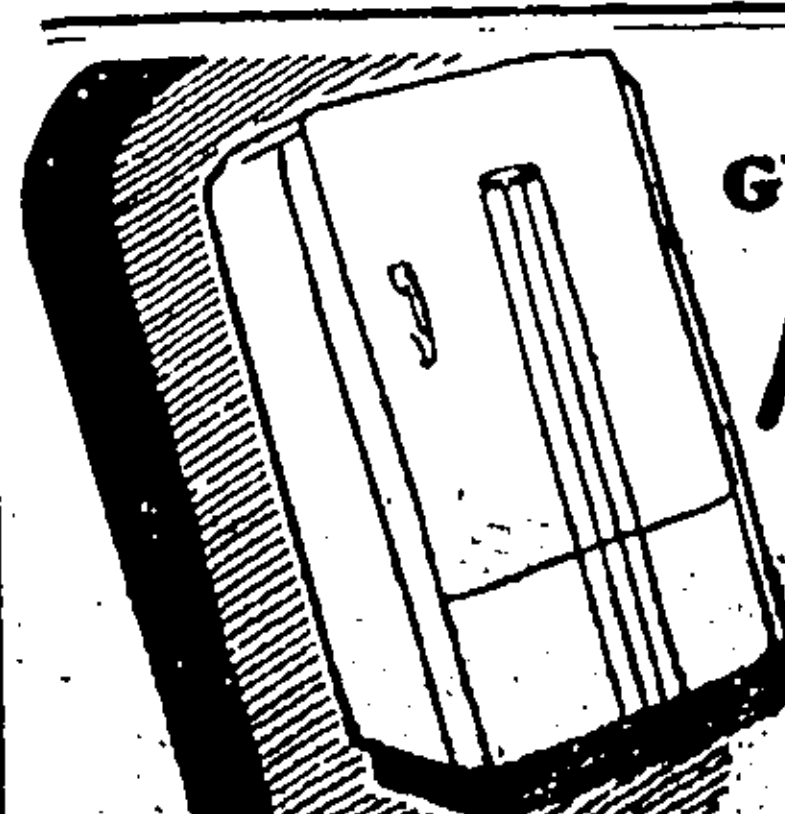
Such a movement appears to be almost inevitable.

The Germans have an overwhelming local air superiority, and once again the air has been the final factor to tip the scales.

The newspapers, however, sound an optimistic note as to the future, "when other forces now gathering will finally overwhelm Hitler."

"The battle of the East will not soon be over," says the "Daily Telegraph," "and the legions of Nazism will strike on dangerously where the sea does not constrict them, but the power to conduct a vast battle with the unified might of Navy, Army and Air Force is ours, not Hitler's."—Reuter.

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HONG KONG, APRIL 21, 1941.

MANY UNIQUE FEATURES An Underground Stream

WINDSOR HOUSE, Hong Kong's newest and one of the finest office buildings, is not only a completely modern eight-storey structure but includes a large number of unique features, some of which are a result of the special peculiarities of the site, while others are based on a study of the needs of such buildings in Hong Kong.

The architects, Messrs. Leigh and Orange, of which firm Mr. J. E. Potter, A.R.I.B.A., was principally responsible, had not only to take into consideration such things as an underground stream and a network of drains and cables but also had to allow for the difference in the levels of Des Voeux and Queen's Roads, as it is proposed eventually to extend the building over what is now the St. Francis Hotel, making a huge and roughly U-shaped structure.

The bulk of the building, which at the moment runs some 20 feet further back than the Exchange Building next door, is taken up with the usual offices, all of which are already occupied.

Special Needs

Special arrangements, however, had to be made to cater to the needs of three occupiers: the Dairy Farm, whose premises take up the ground and mezzanine floors in front; the Newspaper Enterprise, Limited, whose printing machinery and offices occupy the same floors at the back, away from the noises of the street; and a large Ballroom, owned by Gray Brothers, on the top floor.

No less than 338 concrete piles, the majority of them between 30 and 40 feet in length, were driven in below the level of the pile capping, which in many places is below the basement foundation of old buildings formerly on the site of what is now Windsor House.

This old pile capping was of slabs on a bed of lime and cement concrete.

Below Sea Level

Excavation was frequently below sea-level and this, together with the fact that an underground stream from the upper levels runs across the site, made pumping necessary at all times. In addition, there were variations in the water levels as the tides rose and fell, together with great variation after the exceptionally heavy rains which prevailed almost throughout construction.

The level of the basement floor was laid four feet above the ordnance datum, and, with the experience of typhoons and floods in former years in the Colony, the architects made arrangements for the whole of the basement to be very carefully water-proofed.

A water-proof membrane makes the whole basement into a vast tank; a reinforced layer of concrete on the floor resists up-

ward pressure, while a protective skin of brick has been applied to the walls.

The difficulties of piling and excavation were not, however, confined to the problem of water. There was a veritable network of electric and telephone cables, 80 pipes and sewers, in the lane adjoining the Exchange Building and on the Des Voeux Road frontage.

In addition, constant attention

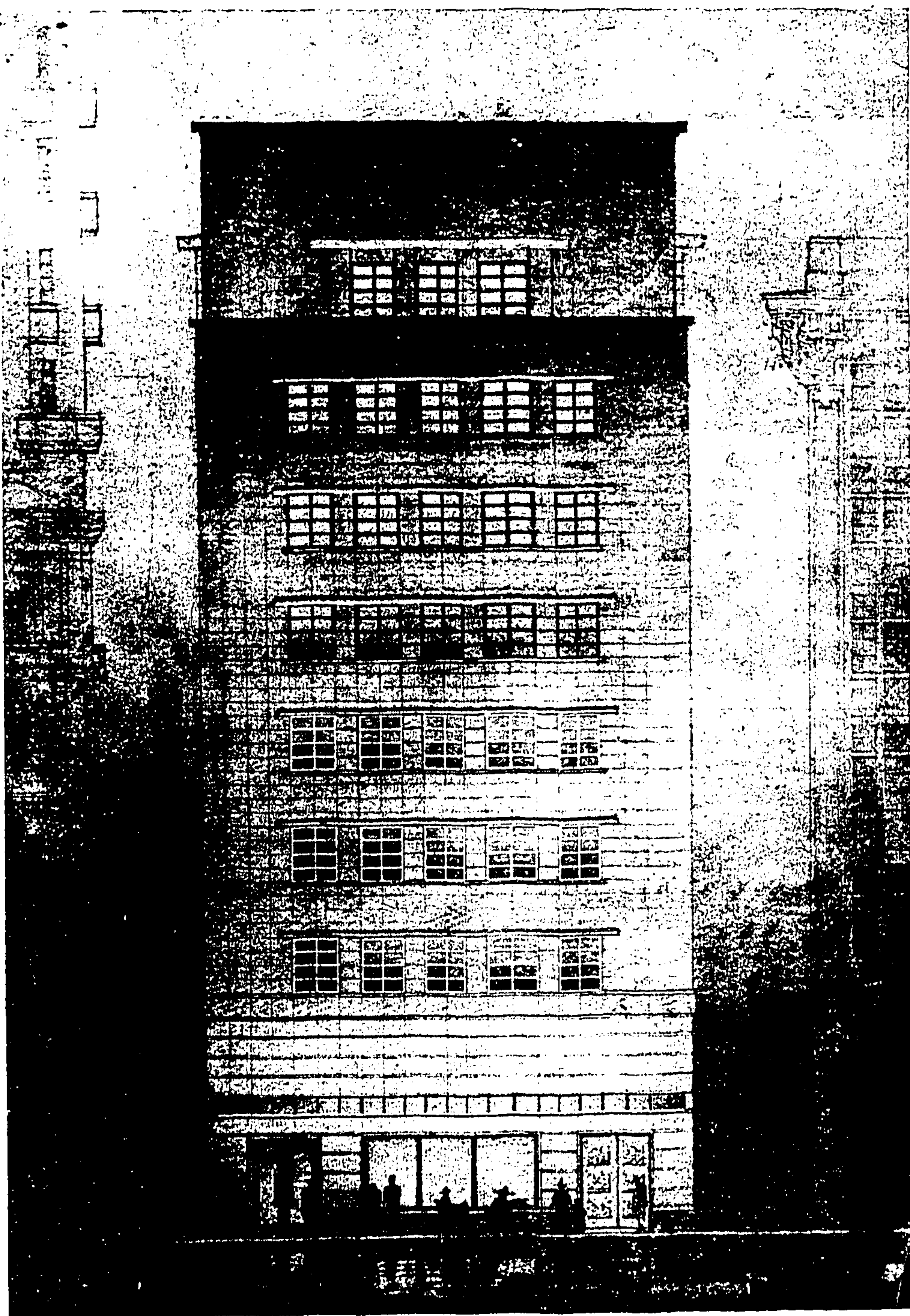
was required to the main drain taking the outfall from the St. Francis Hotel, Marina House and the Exchange Building, owing to fractures following subsidence.

Turning to the structure proper, the building is of reinforced concrete frame construction. Except on the Des Voeux Road frontage, the walls are monolithic, the space between the rows of windows being a reinforced concrete beam bearing the floor load.

The roof is constructed of a reinforced concrete truss, which serves the dual purpose of efficiently insulating the upper floor from the heat of a summer sun and also allows the top floor to be free of internal columns — an important consideration in view of the cabaret there.

The windows on the Des Voeux Road frontage, incidentally, are recessed and protected by a con-

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An architect's sketch of Windsor House.

A NEW ENTERPRISE Soda Fountain Restaurant

BY their removal to Windsor House, The Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., have added yet another milestone to their history—a history which has had "Progress" as its watch-word.

With the continued expansion of the Company's activities, the administrative offices of the Company at 2, Lower Albert Road, dating back to 1899, had for a considerable period been inadequate. While a change was desirable it was realised that if such were to take place it would be more fitting to secure premises in a central location in the City for both offices and shop. Suitable premises to house both were not immediately procurable in the central district, and so in 1933 the Company opened a down town branch at 13 Queen's Road, Central. Since that time this branch has served a very necessary and useful purpose and was greatly appreciated by customers of the Company.



A general view of the Dairy Farm's new restaurant, showing the soda fountain.

THE Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co.'s scheme for the Windsor House premises provided the Company with the opportunity which they had had in mind of having their offices and shop in the one building.

Arrangements were accordingly completed for the renting of the Ground Floor, Mezzanine and Basement of Windsor House.

Situated on the Mezzanine Floor are the well-appointed ad-

ministrative offices of the Company.

ON the Ground Floor a large section has been taken up with the display in McCray electrically refrigerated units of everything a person could wish for in the way of Food. These units are of very latest design and should prove of the greatest assistance to customers in selecting their requirements. This

method of display is that adopted by leading Food providers all over the World.

A wide selection of Tinned Goods will be found on display in the Provisions Department, where toilet & household Soaps and other household requisites may be purchased.

ANOTHER feature of the store will be the Bakery & Confectionery Department. In a

section of their former offices at 2, Lower Albert Road, the Company have installed a modern Bakery equipped with the latest type equipment from the United States, and the Company now offers a variety of Breads, small Cakes etc., etc., and will feature a Milk Bread, the Milk coming from their fine herd of Dairy Cows at Pokfulam. The Company are also Agents for two well

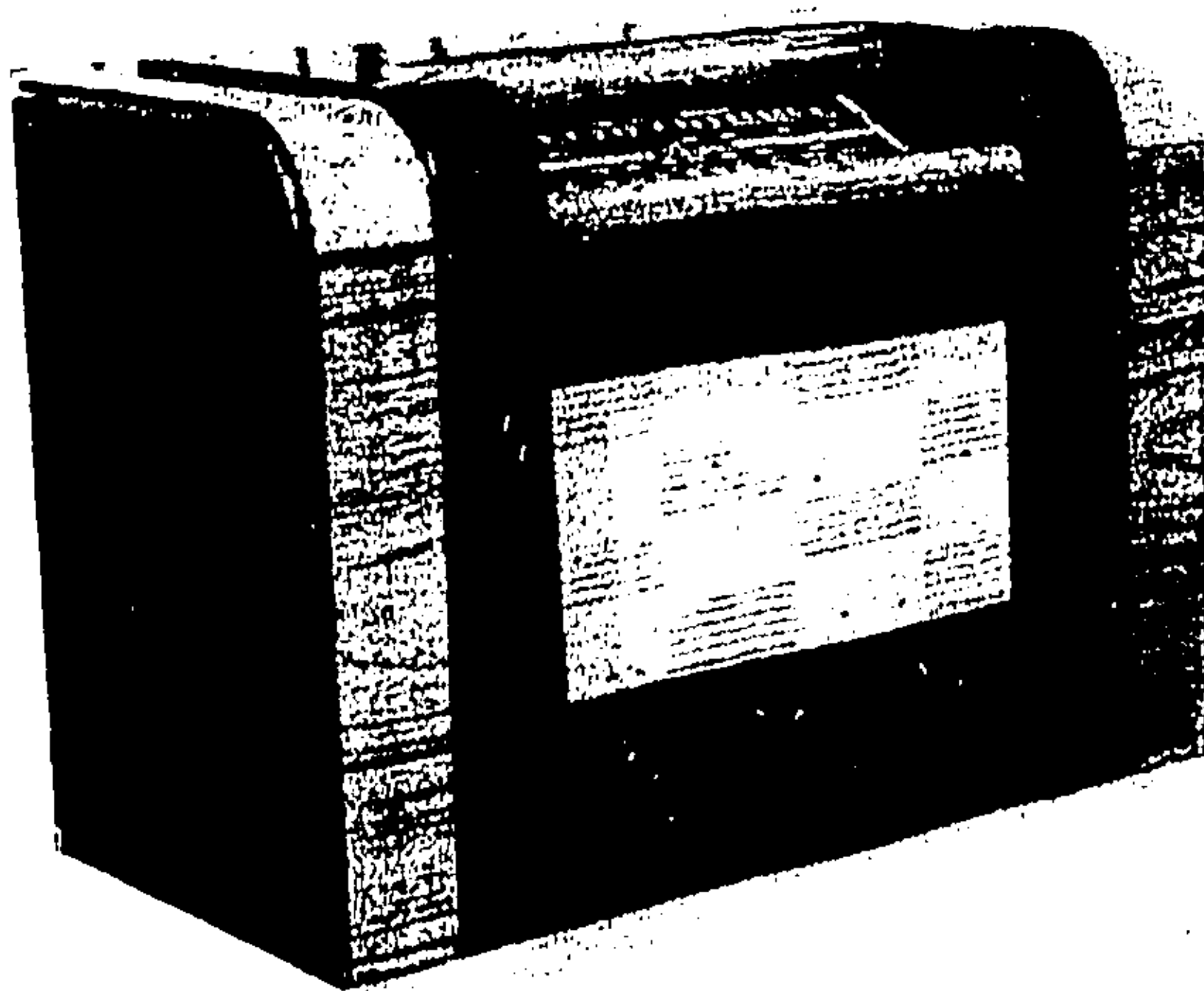
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crete slab in order to obtain some of the conditions of present verandahs—the absence of glare and direct sunlight and no heat, as well as enabling the windows to be kept open during heavy rains.

An example of the ingenuity displayed in designing the building is provided by the office windows, although to the layman they may, at first sight, appear to be just ordinary windows.

Each window, however, is actually divided into three sections. The upper section is hung and pushes out, enabling it to be left open during the frequent heavy summer rains.

The middle, and largest section, opens in the ordinary way, and provides general ventilation of the offices during still days.

Window Features

But office workers will particularly appreciate the bottom section of the window, for this section eliminates almost perfectly one of the bug-bears of paper work during gusty weather, when one wants to keep as much of the window open as possible and at the same time maintain some semblance of order among the papers on the desk.

This bottom section is hinged along its lower edge and falls inward. This effectively deflects the gusts of wind and shoots them up towards the ceiling, instead of blowing directly onto the desk and scattering the papers on it to the four corners of the room.

Steel windows have been used throughout, and before leaving the workshops each window was treated with sand-blasting, following which metallic zinc was immediately sprayed on under pressure.

The zinc is thus blown into the pores of the steel opened by the sand blasting and helps to keep away corrosion.

Four Lifts

There are four lifts in all, three passenger lifts at the front,

Although The Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., has not yet decided upon the immediate rebuilding of Nos. 11, 13 & 15A Queen's Road Central, drawings are being prepared to enable the work to be put in hand without delay as soon as the scheme is considered advisable.

Messrs. Leigh & Orange have been entrusted with the work and the elevation reproduced shows the edifice that it is hoped, will replace ultimately St. Francis Hotel and up to the south-west corner of Lee House Street.

This building will be joined to the back of Windsor House forming one large "L" shaped block.

The present idea is to lay-out the ground floor in either a series of three bank premises or one large bank at the corner with a smaller one to the west.

and a messenger-and-coolie lift at the back, with entrance to the latter from the lane adjoining the Exchange Building.

The passenger lifts operate at the rate of 350 feet a minute and serve all floors. Totally enclosed, they are equipped with up-to-date selective control gear to minimise delays in unnecessary stops.

The messenger-and-coolie lift is unique in the Colony in that each stop serves two floors, the lift arriving at a special lobby half-way between the floors "First and Second," "Second and Third" and so on.

Brainchild

This arrangement is the brain-child of the architects, incidentally, and no other building in Hong Kong is so equipped.

The latter suggests itself as the more attractive provided one of the local financial institutions can take up such an extensive area as would cover the corner site.

Upwards from the first to the sixth floors, office accommodation will be provided and great planning care is being exercised in the direction of light, also ventilation.

The general principles of Windsor House will be continued as regards method of construction.

Under existing conditions of high constructional costs which may be expected to obtain several years after the war is over, a large rebuilding scheme of this nature calls for much thought and no decision is likely to be reached until the cost of such has been carefully investigated. This is being done.

Time alone will show the value or otherwise of this idea, but, to date anyway, the scheme appears to be operating very satisfactorily.

The main entrance hall is lined with marble, with bronze skirtings, cappings and linings to openings.

The lavatory accommodation is grouped together on the western side of the building, affording economy in pipes and drains. The lavatory blocks have mosaic tile floors and wall linings.

The flushing water supply is secured from two wells sunk below the basement floor. Another special feature here:—The wells also serve to relieve the ground water pressure—on the water-proofing membrane of the basement floor.

Teak parquet, laid in bitumen, is used for a floor covering in all offices and corridors.

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Height Of Floors

The height of the ground floor was ruled by the height of the floors in the future continuation of the building in Queen's Road and Lee House Street. It was obviously necessary to keep the upper floors at the same level throughout the building, and when allowance was made for the correct heights in Queen's Road it was found that an extra seven feet was added to the height of the ground floor in Des Voeux Road.

This enabled a mezzanine floor to be inserted in the present half of the building, giving accommodation for a soda fountain-café operated by the Dairy Farm.

The ground floor, mezzanine and sixth floors are air-conditioned by the tenants, arrangements for this having been incorporated in the original plans for the building. The machinery for the air-conditioning of the ground and mezzanine floors is situated in the water-proof basement.

The Constructors

Contractors for Windsor House were:—

General Contract—Sung Kee Company.

Piling—Vibro Piling Company. Sanitary and Fire Installation—Dodwell & Company.

Electrical Installation—Wm. C. Jack & Company.

Plastering—Simplex Gypsum Products, Ltd.

Water-Proofing of Basement—Reiss Bradley & Co.

Patent Roofing—"Cerainteed"—Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd.

Teak Flooring—Kwang Hsin & Company.

Pre-Cast Facing Slabs—Cathay Ceramics (H.K.), Ltd.

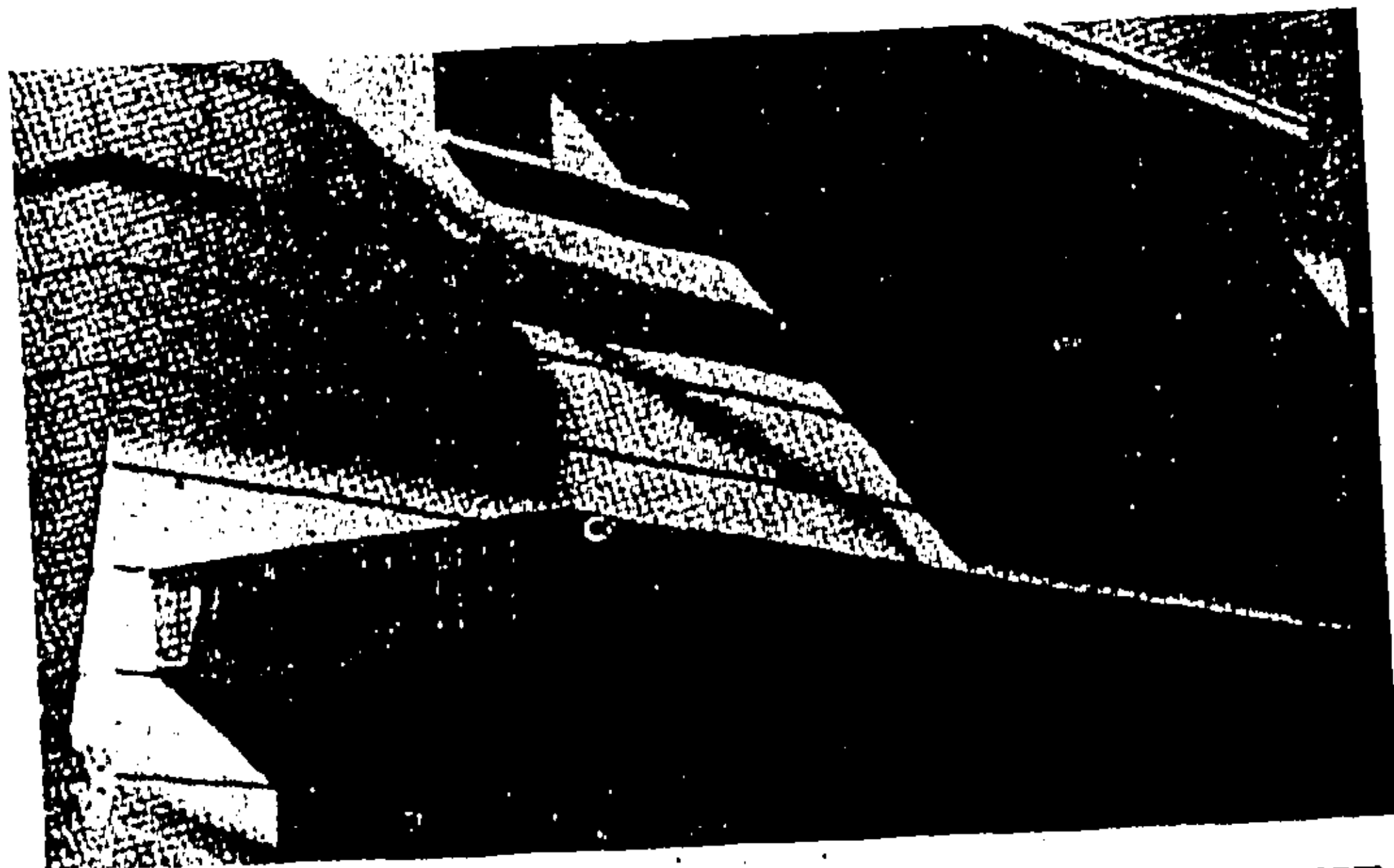
Marble and Bronze Work—R. Blagazli.

Steel Windows—"Hope"—Jardine Engineering Corp.

Lifts—"Schindler"—Jardine Engineering Corp.

Door Furniture—"Corbin"—John D. Hutchinson.

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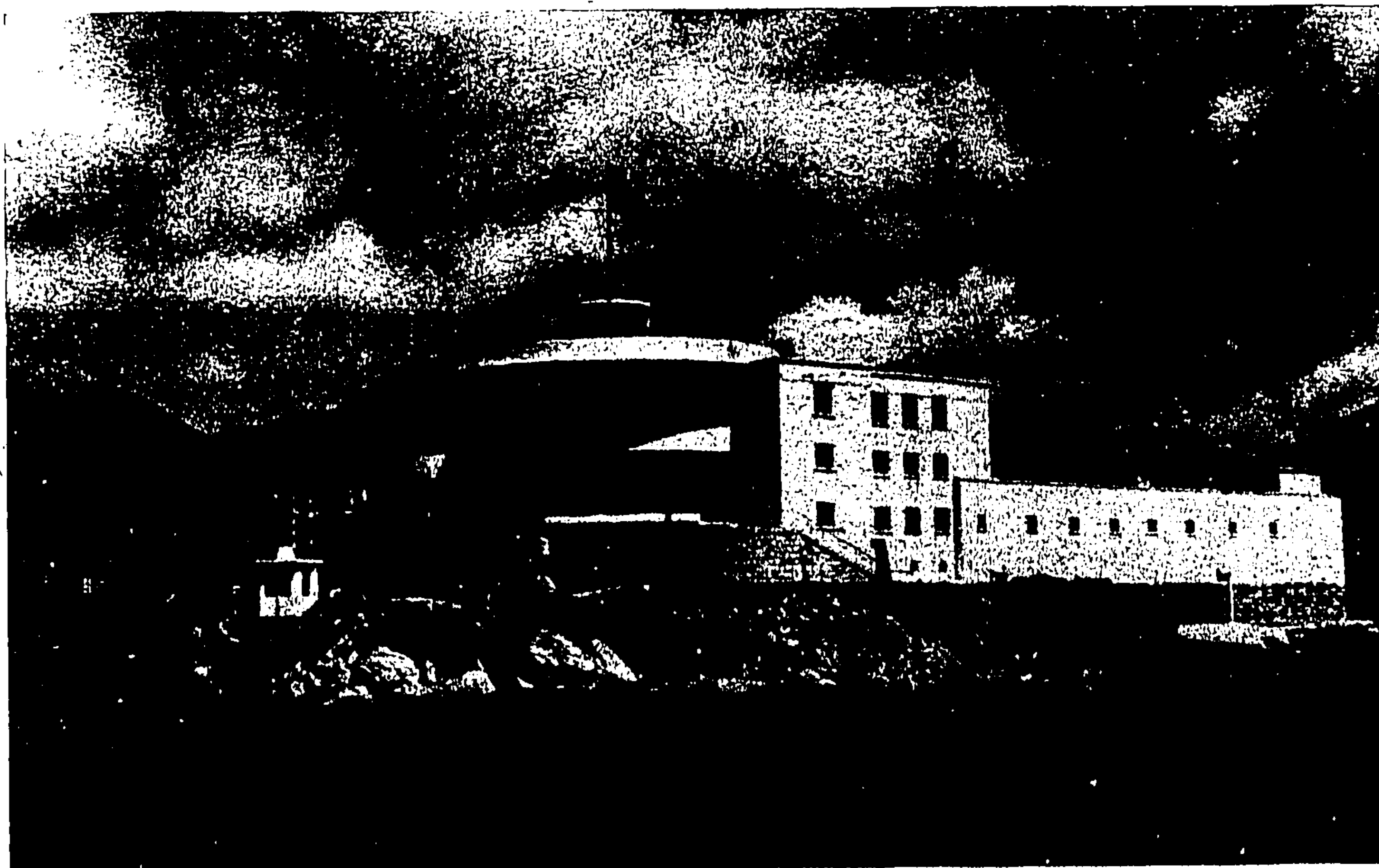
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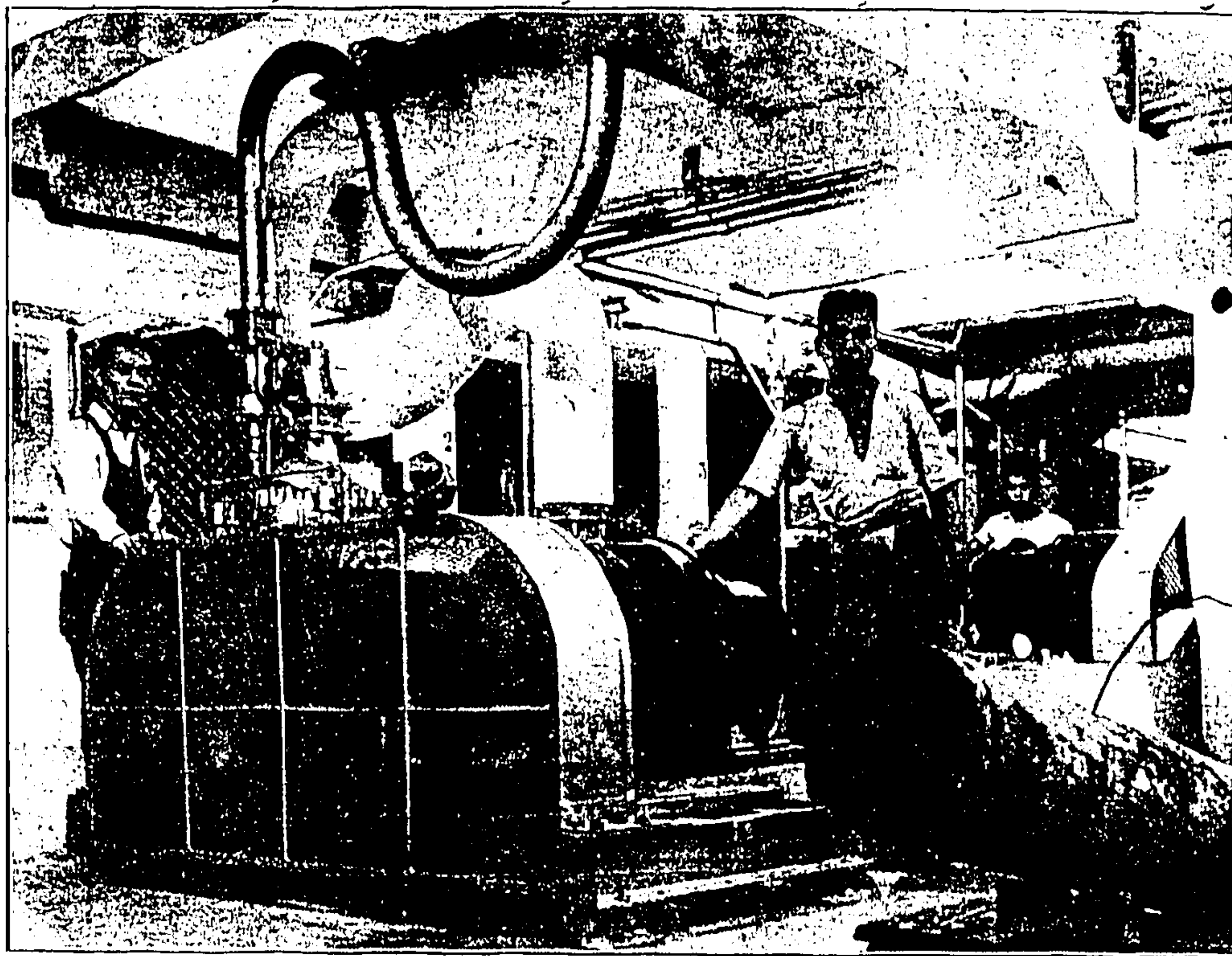
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By arrangement the flowers of the Clover Flower Shop will be displayed for sale in the store, as well as Cigarettes, Tobacco & Smokers' Requisites from Messrs. Tabacqueria Filipina. For the convenience of the Ladies, Beauty Preparations by Max Factor will also be on sale as from 1st May.

Yet another display in the

store will be the wide range of Wines & Spirits carried by the well-known local firm of Caldbeck, MacGregor & Co., Ltd.

OFF the Main Store, with entrance from the lane between Windsor House and Exchange Building, is a supplementary annex in which is a combination of departments, and it is from here that customers' messengers will be served. Service from this annex will also be available for customers at times when the Main Store is closed for business. In the Basement, under the Main Store, is located the Cold Stores with its necessary equipment. Here also is the plant for operating the air conditioning in the Offices, Soda Fountain and Main Store.

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WE would require considerable space to describe adequately the many novel and beautiful features that have been combined to make the new Dairy Farm Soda Fountain Restaurant one of the very best reasons for regular visits to the new emporium.

It is obvious that the greatest of care and thought has been given to the minutest detail, with particular reference to the highest hygienic requirements, in designing something which is so entirely new in the realm of food and drink services for this Colony.

THIS "American Style" snack service has quickly found favour in the leading cities of the world, and its introduction here must likewise meet a popular demand.

The mere fact of being able to partake, in the form of light meals, the delicious foods so tastefully displayed and sold from the food counters in the main store, will in itself prove refreshingly welcome to even the most fastidious epicurean.

The opportunity given us of viewing the attractive menu, which includes a wine list, was final proof of the assured popularity of Hong Kong's newest and most up-to-date restaurant, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.

An added attraction will be Raymond Lau and his Hawaiian Trio, who will be in attendance on Mondays at 4.45 p.m.; Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 10.30 a.m.

THE attractive furniture and woodwork was constructed from local and Empire woods, being designed by Messrs. Leigh and Orange and manufactured by Hong Kong and Whampoo Dock Company, Limited.

The modern and up-to-date Soda Fountain equipment, including the model Coffee-making, Sandwich and Waffle Baking Units, as well as the latest type Food Storage, Ice-cream and Bottle-Cooling Refrigerators were imported from foremost manufacturers in the United States of America.

WE were particularly impressed with the unusually pleasing design of the crockery and silverware. These fine examples of table appointments were imported from the English Houses of Messrs. Josiah Wedgwood and the Elkington Company respectively.

The artistic flower display by the Clover Flower Shop and the combined beauty of the entire interior decorative scheme makes for a soothing restfulness in every sense of the word.

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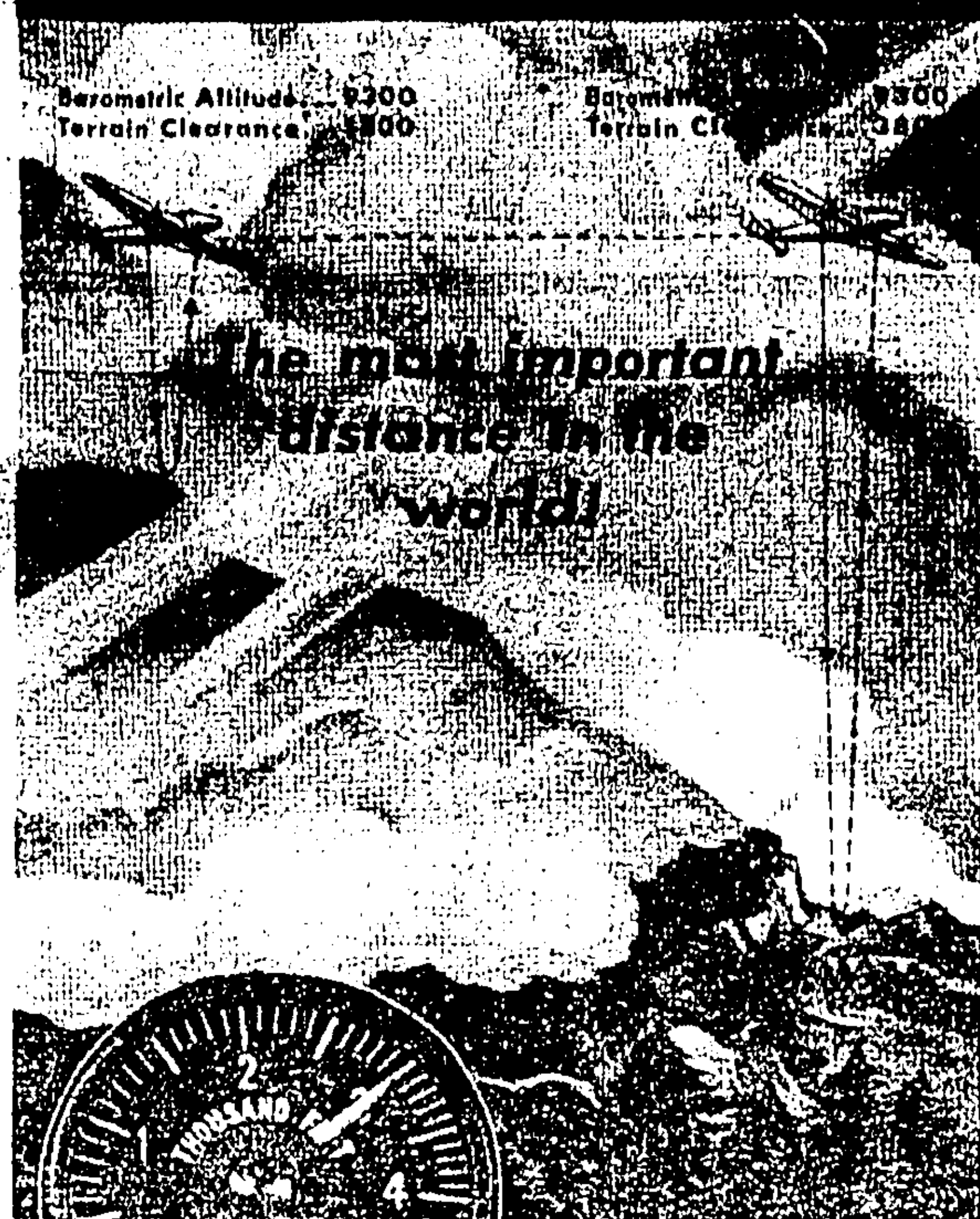
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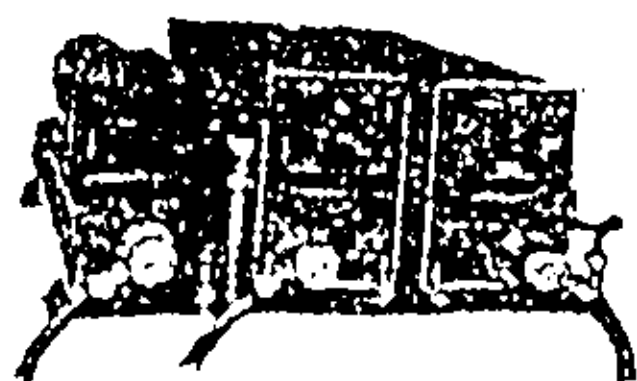


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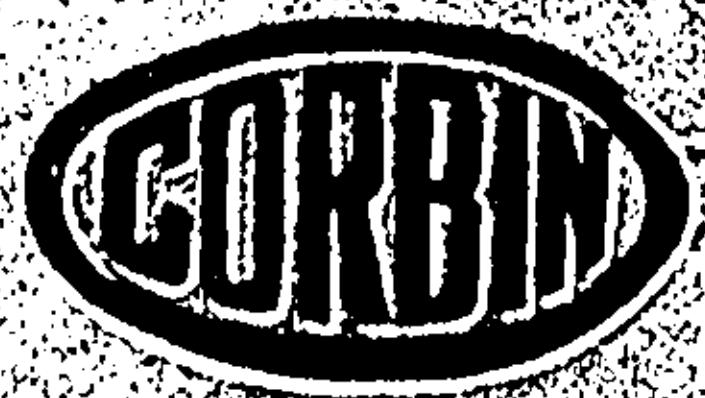
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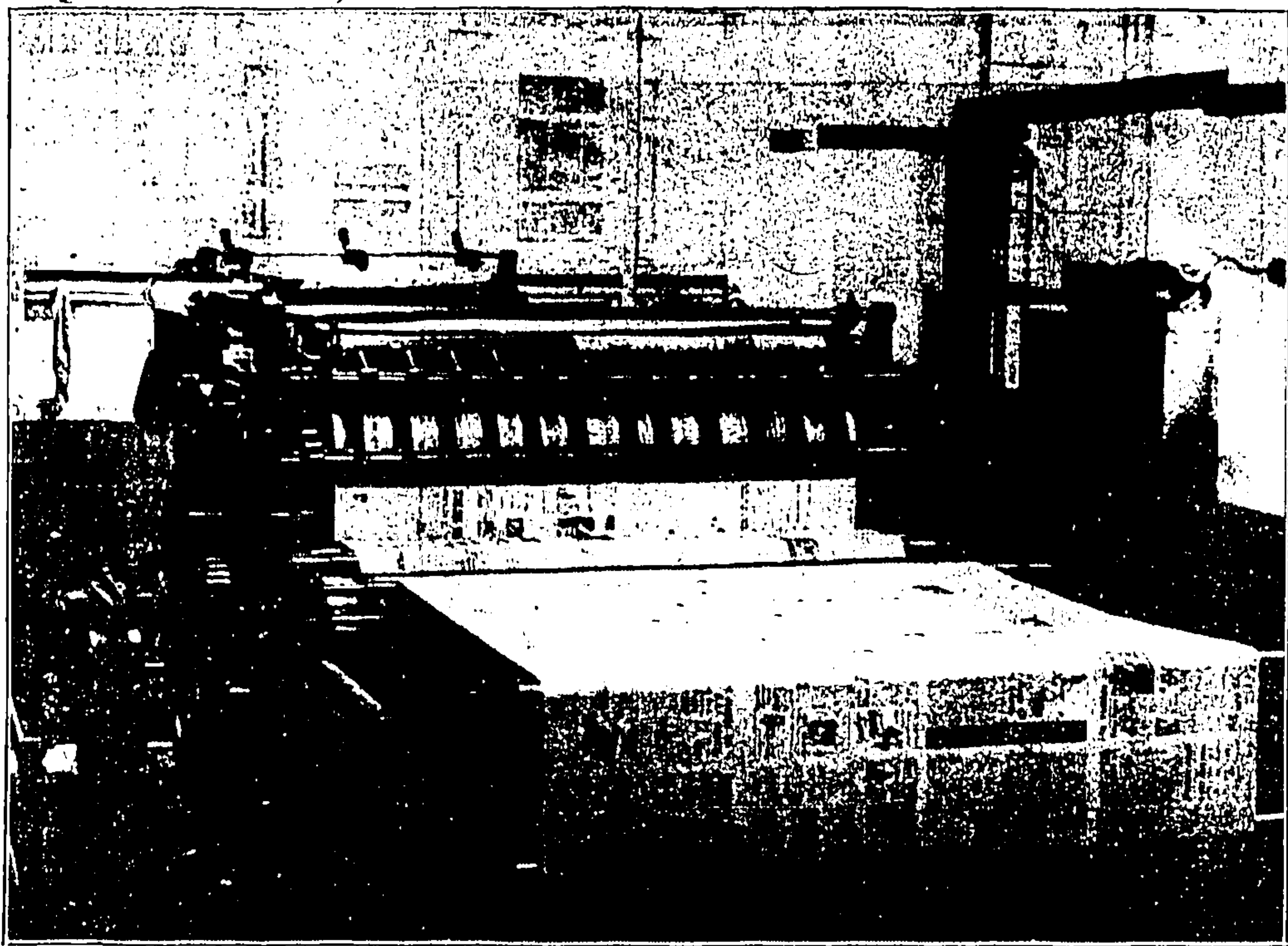
It would be false modesty were this souvenir, marking the completion, by the opening of the main shop of the Dairy Farm, of the present-day Windsor House, permitted to appear without some reference to the "China Mail" and The Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.

Part of the building was designed specifically to meet the special needs of the printing plant of The Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., and we were in fact, the first occupant of the building, the transfer from Wyndham Street taking place in July, long before the greater part of the building was completed.

The transfer itself was a small feat in organization but it had to be effected over a road, and in such a way that the normal production of the "China Mail" and the "China Mail" was not interrupted for a moment.

The problem was tackled energetically, and it was a relief to find that Mr. J. J. Lumsden and Mr. J. J. Lumsden, who accepted responsibility for transfer of the machinery, that Linotype machines which at 3 a.m. on Sunday were setting type for the "Sunday Herald" were by midnight the same day, already in operation, preparing "copy" for the following day's "China Mail."

The change over was, of course, tremendously facilitated by the fact that a new printing press, the Duplex Rotary, had already been installed in Windsor House, to come into operative use for the first time when the transfer took



The Duplex Rotary Press at the end of a day's run.

place. The Duplex Flat-Bed Rotary Press has been specially designed for the printing of a newspaper which calculates its circulation in thousands.

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For the "China Mail" tabloid size a special device is attached

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In this way, the paper is fed into the press at an even speed and drawn out at an even rate, stopping whilst the length of a page is being printed. The paper then travels at double the speed through the press, stopping again for another impression and so on.

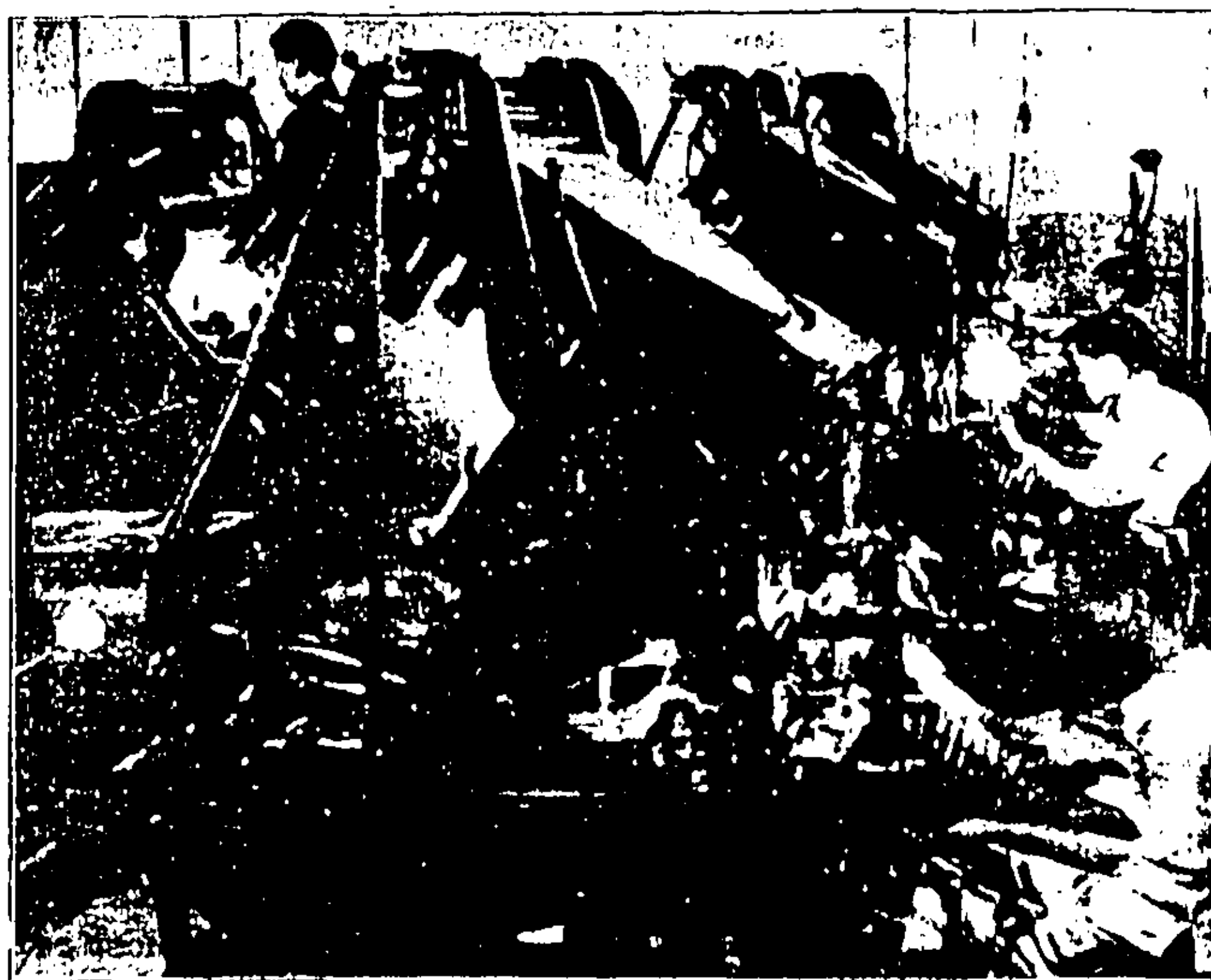
Introduction of this machine permitted numerous immediate improvements to be effected in the lay-out of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald."

The "China Mail", already printed for some time as a tabloid, was enabled to increase the number of its columns from four to five and the striking advance in the general appearance which resulted was instantly appreciated, both by readers and advertisers. Column length was increased, page arrangements were changed to advantage, improvements which without the duplex would not have been possible.

The "Sunday Herald" later went to eight columns to the page, with a column width in harmony with the "China Mail" and again the result has fully justified the experiment.

The "China Mail"

No useful purpose would be served furnishing, in a publica-



A battery of Linotype machines in the printing establishment of Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.

tion of this type, a long history of the paper. It is sufficient to say, perhaps, that the history of the Press in Hong Kong is inseparably linked with the history of the "China Mail."

Three English papers actually started publication in the Colony

before the "China Mail" but it was the "China Mail" alone that survived, and it can claim continuous publication since February 20, 1845, four years after the establishment of the Colony.

From the very outset, the "China Mail" has played a vital part in the life of the community, though it has naturally been exalted and has just jogged

local editor was prosecuted, some of them going to prison. Editors were then outspoken in a manner which to-day would be deemed "vulgar" and "scurrilous," although as more than one historian has recorded, now that the passage of time has enabled a clearer view to be taken of the picture as a whole, there was much in the early life of this Colony that called for blunt, forthright comment and criticism.

For instance, Mr. W. H. Donald (one of the former editors of the "China Mail") wrote that the Bowring administration was "a disgrace to the British name."

The editors of the "China Mail" were several times singled out for attack, and, two years after the birth of the journal, Mr. Shortt, its editor, was the victim of a prosecution so vexatious that even the Crown Prosecutor refused to have anything to do with it.

No Favours

For some eight years, the "China Mail" was the official organ of the Colony, exclusively publishing all Government notifications. This privilege, however, did not prevent the paper from criticising the Government as freely and as honestly as if it enjoyed no favours, and because of this the Government started its own journal in 1853, the "Government Gazette."

Offsprings of the "China Mail" are the "Overland China Mail" (containing the week's news) and the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald", which has the largest circulation of any English paper in South China.

Forthright Comment

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**Problem
Of
External
Finish**

One of the most interesting features of the construction of Windsor House, both from the viewpoint of building technique and final appearance, was the external finish chosen by the Architects.

This is of a type greatly favoured in Great Britain and introduced for the first time to the Colony by Messrs. Leigh and Orange.

The finish consists of decoratively treated pre-cast concrete slabs which result in a clean-cut surface of outstanding appearance.

The slabs were pre-cast in suitable moulds, from materials supplied by the Green Island Cement Company, and allowed for 1½" ordinary 13 concrete mix and an additional ½" of facing mixture consisting of one part of concrete and 1½ parts of stone chips.

Reinforcing, chiefly specially designed 1/8th in crimp mesh panels, with wire ties attached, was used to ensure strength and to assist stability during erection.

The face-up method was used throughout and credit is due to the manufacturer, Messrs. Cathay Ceramics (H.K.) Ltd. that in spite of some 680 different shapes and sizes, all surface finishes are monolithic with the backing.

The number of such slabs in the building is approximately 14,500, covering an area of 55,000 square feet.

To produce them, 168 drums of Colocrete and 770 bags of Green Island cement were used in their manufacture and erection. Some of the slabs, especially around the front entrance and the first window sills, weighed up to 700 lbs.

The slabs were erected in courses, in the position they had to occupy on the face of the building, their points were grouted and close-fitting wood battens kept them braced whilst the concrete wall was being cast behind them.

It is an outstanding feature of this system when used in concrete structures that the slabs act as formwork as well as providing a smooth, hard, durable surface, monolithic with the structural work.

The General Contractor found that there was actually a considerable saving in shuttering and time by this system. From the mezzanine to the top floor, the rate of progress averaged at ten days per floor.

**COTTON
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The Japan Cotton Trading Company, Ltd. (Nippon Men Kwa Kabushiki Kaisha) who occupy offices on the first floor of Windsor House, first opened for business in the Colony in 1913, at No. 2, Connaught Road.

For a brief period, between 1936 and 1939, the Hong Kong branch was closed, but the Company reopened in 1939 at No. 2 Chater Road, and removed to Windsor House as soon as their new quarters were ready, in September, 1940.

The principal business done by the Company is in cotton yarn, piecegoods and other textiles, although at one time they did a large business in rice with their own mill in Rangoon.

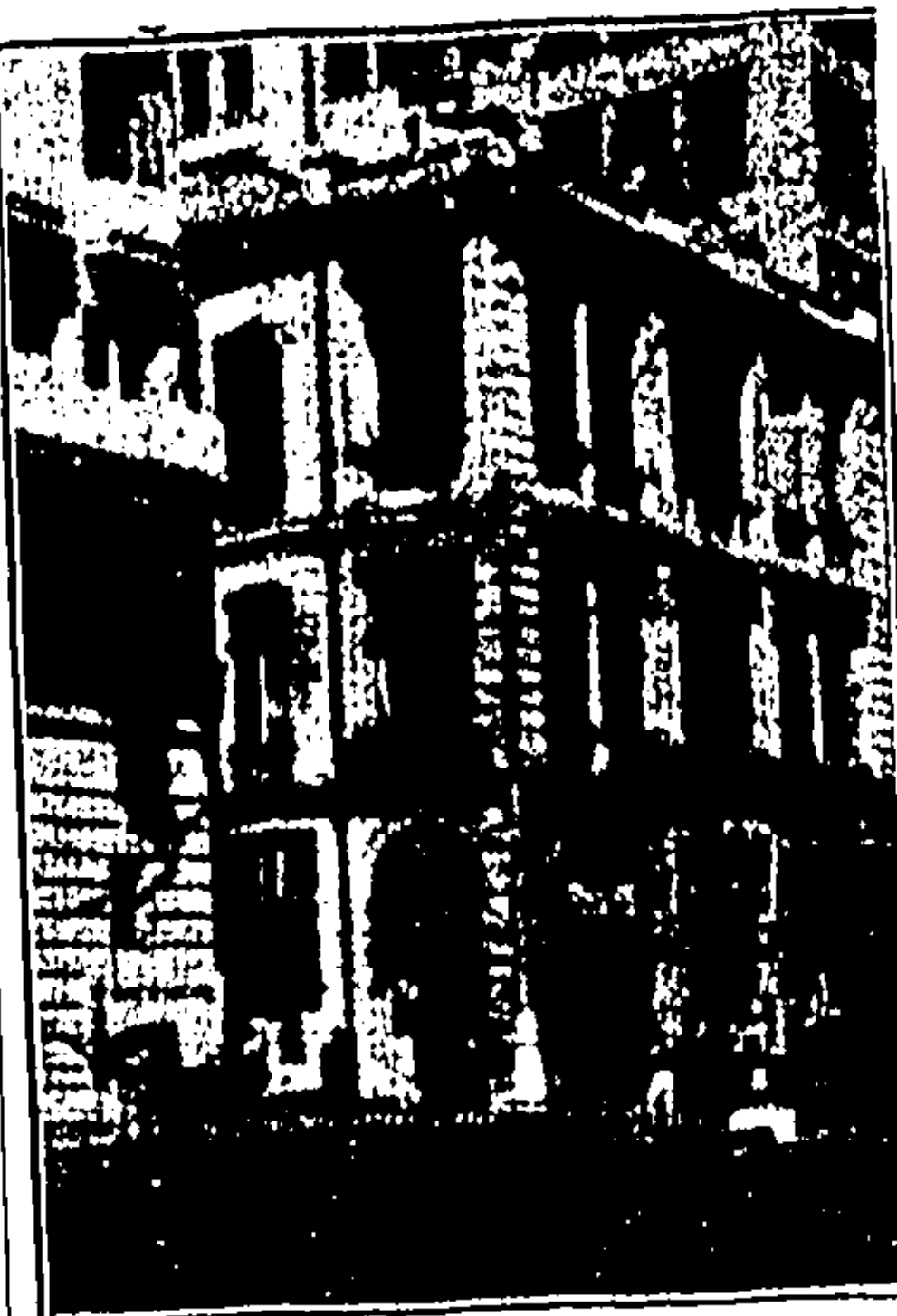
The Company has branches all over the world and deals in all kinds of sundry goods, in addition to its main business.

**Construction
Supervisor**

Mr. W. J. Morris, who supervised the construction of Windsor House for the H.K. Land Investment and Agency Company, Ltd., was also supervisor of construction of Holland House and Marina House.

He is a native of Englefield Green, Surrey, and has been with the Land Investment Company since 1925.

At the peak period during the construction of Windsor House, well over 300 employees of various contractors were working at one time.



What the building formerly on the site of Windsor House looked like. Known as the White House, its appearance compared with the new building gives an idea of the progress in the Colony's since the 1880's.

**BOSCO
RADIO
ADVANCE**

One of the most enterprising of radio receiving apparatus manufacturers is the Bosco Radio Corporation, which occupies offices and a showroom on the first floor of Windsor House.

Established in 1936 with a small office in Happy Valley, the company prospered by leaps and bounds and soon became one of the foremost radio dealers in the Colony.

In 1937, they moved into Holland House and in September last year occupied their present offices in Windsor House.

Until eighteen months ago, the Bosco Radio Corporation were only selling agents for Westinghouse Radio Receiving Sets and Philco Refrigerators, but when Government imposed restrictions on the import of radio sets, which affected their business, they embarked upon the manufacture of their own radio receiving sets, and their products have already become well known in the market.

They are also manufacturers of "Inter-Department Phone" apparatus.

Their products are manufactured and assembled in their workshops on the Island and the mainland.

Their radios are made specially for Hong Kong's climatic conditions, and only the best of materials go into their products which are reasonably priced and are on view in their attractive showroom on the first floor of Windsor House.

The Bosco Radio Corporation are sole selling agents for Westinghouse Radios, and sub-agents for Philco Domestic Refrigerators, Yorkshire Air Conditioners, and Super Cold Commercial Refrigerators.

They have branches at Shanghai, Canton and Macao, and have agents in Chicago, Toronto, Brisbane, Johannesburg, Belsize, B.H., and Port-of-Spain, B.W.I.

**Heavy
Pumping
Task**

The extent of the water problem connected with the construction of Windsor House may be gauged from the fact that over 1,500,000 gallons of water were pumped from the foundations and base-fundament during the erection.

Three pumps with a total capacity of 3,000 gallons an hour were employed, and frequently they pumped out as much as 20,000 gallons in a day.

The task was complicated by the heavy rains of last Spring.

The floors were erected at unusually rapid pace—an average of ten days per floor—up to the truss level of the roof in a race against the rains, but before the roof could be completed the heavy rains came unexpectedly early and obstructed the early completion of the lower floors in numerous ways.

Some 338 Vibro Piles averaging in length from 25 feet to 40 feet support Windsor House.

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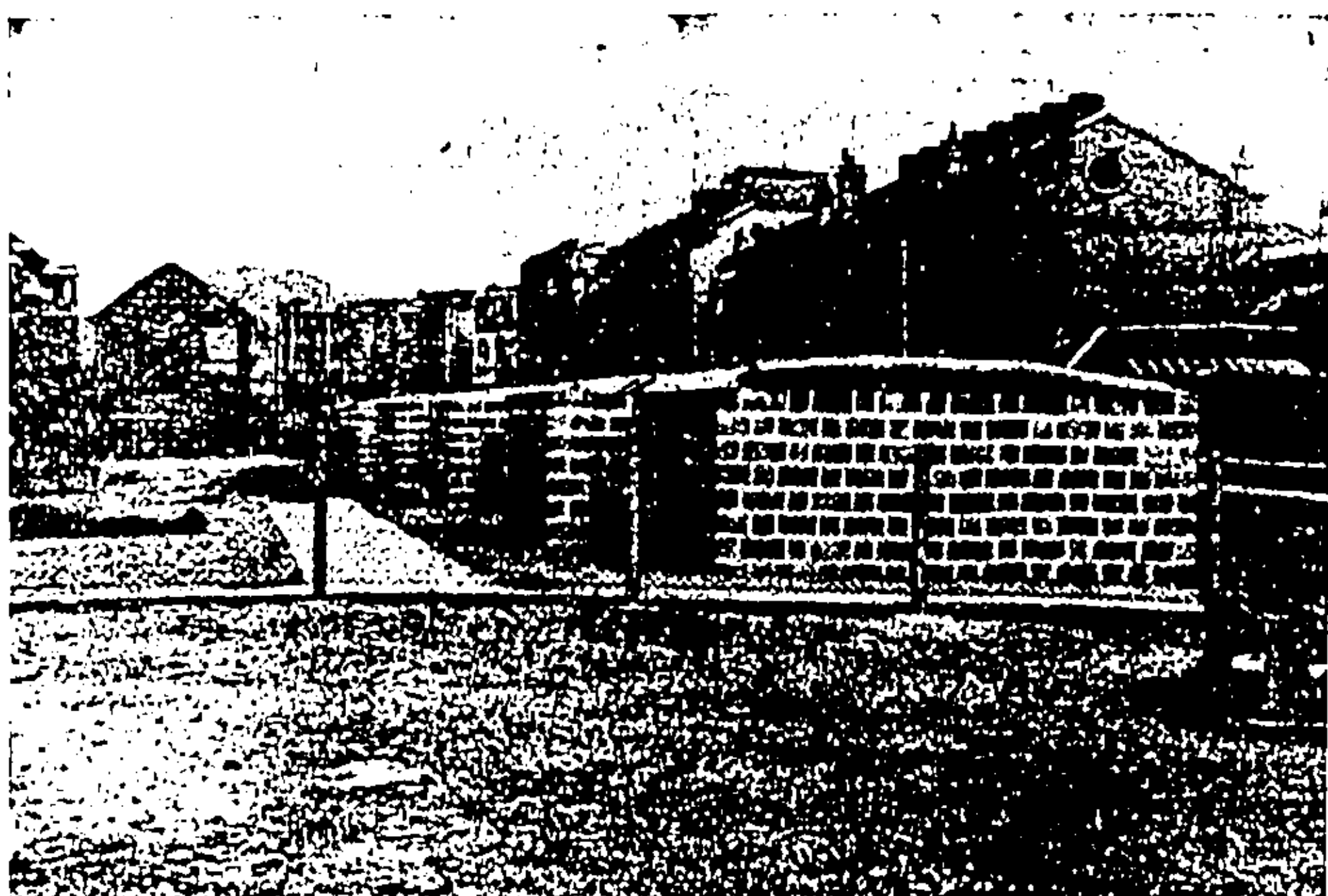
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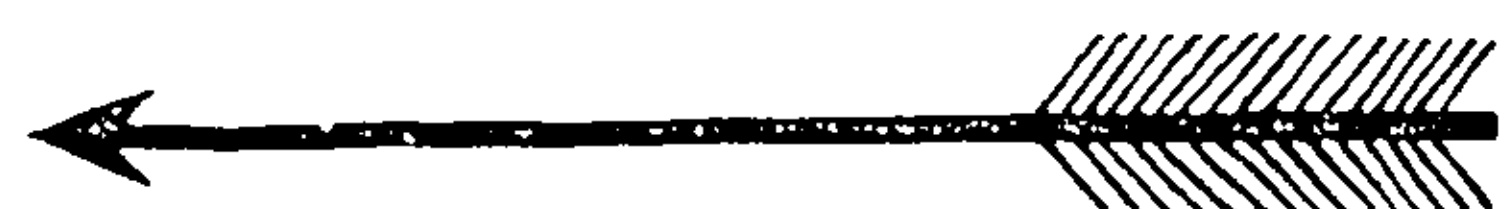
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No conspicuous neon light sign-board indicates from where the music emanates, but ask anyone in town and the answer will be "That's the Paramount Ballroom."

Undoubtedly, the most up-to-date ballroom in South China, the Paramount Ballroom occupies the top floor of the right of Windy House and is operated by the Gray Bros. Enterprise.

terprises, whose offices occupy that part of the same floor facing Des Voeux Road Central.

With seating accommodation for some 500 patrons, the Paramount Ballroom was opened on December 15 last year, and for weeks afterwards, night after night, hundreds of would-be patrons had perforce to be turned away owing to the crowds which flocked there within an hour of opening. Even now, the Paramount Ballroom is generally packed every night, providing ample testimony to its sustained popularity.

Said to be the only one of its kind in South China, the Paramount Ballroom possesses a sprung dance floor, a parquet flooring, while it is furnished with modern upholstered chairs, lounge sofas and feel-framed glass top tables. The walls and ceiling have been simply but suitably decorated.

Most of the work created in the ballroom, including the sprung dance floor, was done by Chinese expert craftsmen imported from Shanghai.



The view of the interior of the most up-to-date air-conditioned cabaret in the Colony, the Paramount Ballroom, operated by the Gray Bros. Enterprise, in Windsor House.



Miss Nancy Chu, Queen of the Paramount Ballroom. Starting from the very bottom rung of the ladder, Miss Chu, with her charming personality and graceful dancing, has become the most popular of ballroom hostesses in the Colony.

Toward the end of the month the place will be air-conditioned for the installation of the system will by then be complete. Incidentally, the only other air-conditioned cabaret ballroom in the Colony is the New Majestic Ballroom, also operated by the Gray Bros. Enterprise.

The orchestra, first composed of His Orchestra, was changed from Manila and arrived in the Colony just in time, about an hour before the Paramount Ballroom was advertised to open.

From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. every night, some 70 beautiful and charming dance hostesses are in attendance, the majority being girls from Shanghai personally selected by "Charlie" Gray himself.

Periodically, "Charlie" visits Shanghai and there acts as his own scout for beauty and talent among the many ballrooms in that city.

At the entrance of the Paramount Ballroom is a well-furnished and comfortable lobby where patrons may wait to be introduced before entering the ballroom.

Gray Bros. Enterprises also control the New Majestic Ballroom, the Cathay Entertainment Ballroom and the Cathay Palace, all located in the Central District, employing a total of some 200 dance hostesses, the majority from Shanghai. The orchestra consist of expert Filipino musicians engaged from Manila and Shanghai. At the Cathay, there is the popular Pinky Pineda and His Orchestra, at the China Entertainment, the latest arrival, Eddie Guzman and His Orchestra, and at the New Majestic, Pete Valderrama and His Orchestra.

Besides the ballroom business — which they virtually monopolise in Hong Kong — Gray Bros. Enterprises also control the Gray

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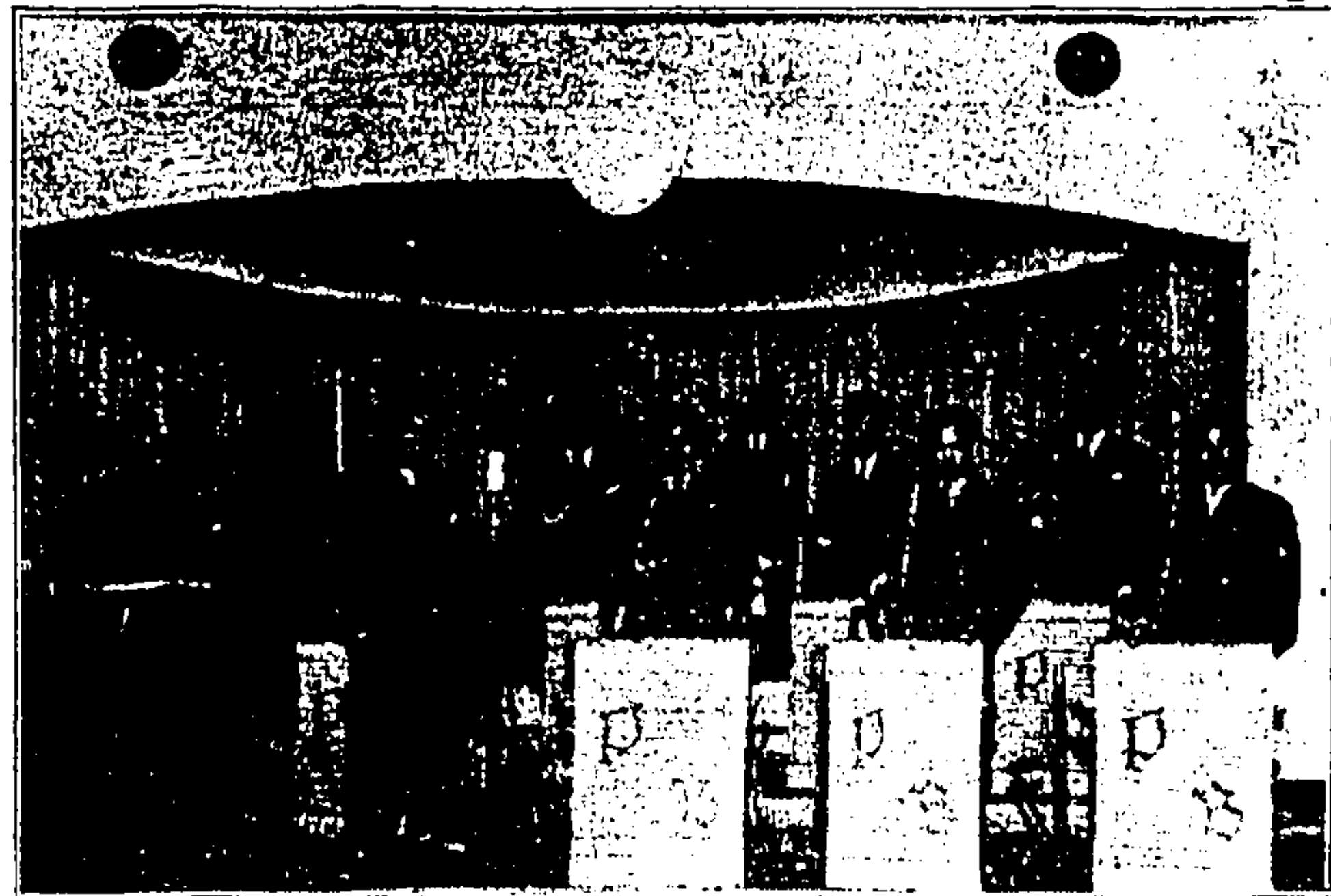
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and total payments to policyholders were £3,180,210.

The Chief Office for South China in Windsor House is under the management of Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, who is ably supported by a number of representatives who are well qualified to advise on all forms of Life Insurance, Annuities, Educational Policies, and modern Life Insurance generally.

Hong Kong representatives are Messrs. M. A. Lammert, J. J. Gutierrez and Tang Yee Kan.

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